

ARK ANGEL



FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION

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Okay, no beating about the bush; Arkangel is a little thinner this time, and it costs a bit more too!

Unfortunately, the sad truth is that issue 7 cost more than the cover price to print and post. We only managed to break even by selling magazines and t-shirts at the World Day rally and outside the Living Without Cruelty exhibition (no postage); and through a few donations which were very gratefully received. We want to stress that we make no profit, take no expenses, carry no paid advertising, and as yet have received no legacies! All of the income is used to print and distribute the magazine. The more money we take in, the more Arkangels we can print, and the message reaches more people! So it's £1.80 an issue, and new subscriptions will be £7.20.

Anyway, enough about money. We have tried to maintain the same quantity of content by reducing the size of the print, and by generally squashing things up a bit - at least we're saving paper!

The good news is that the list of subscribers is now pretty well complete, but there could still be one or two people that have not contacted us yet, so if you know of anyone who is complaining that they haven't received their Arkangel recently - tell them to write in!

Unlike any other AR magazine, Arkangels is OF the movement and FOR the movement. It's what YOU make

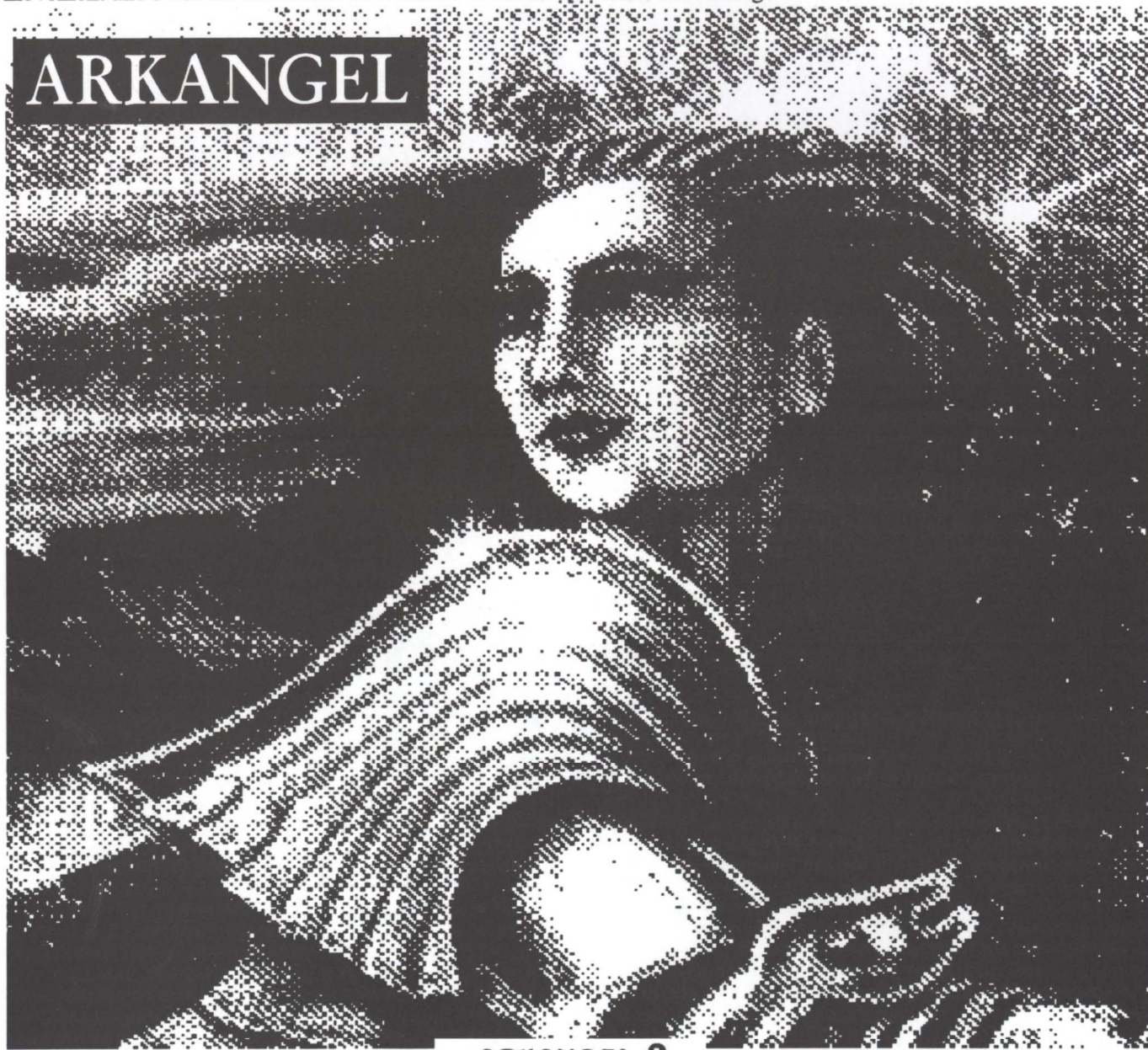
it. We're just here to compile and print what you send us. All you have to remember is that Arkangel aims to do two things - to inform people about what is going on within the AR movement, and to allow free and open debate on matters of interest to AR activists.

One area where we are short of material is Local Group activities. Please let us know what you and your group are doing - leafletting, demonstrating, or whatever! It provides others with inspiration and encouragement, and reminds us that we are all part of a huge, diverse, and active movement.

While Arkangel does not carry articles about, say, the 'detail' of vivisection - numerous books and magazines cover that adequately already - we would gladly print an article about how to stop vivisection! In this respect therefore, Arkangel forms the perfect complement to a magazine such as Turning Point. Remember, we don't commission articles - if you want to see a particular topic covered - get writing!

And finally, a reminder to send your contributions on a 3.5in disk if possible - it saves a lot of two-finger typing. Either MS-DOS or AmigaDOS will do. Of course, as Keith Mann reminds us, not everyone has access to a computer, so your contribution is most welcome in any form. Get writing!

ARKANGEL



NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

ABC ACTION

2 FESTING BUILDINGS, HIGHLAND ROAD,
SOUTHSEA, HANTS

Attempting to encourage the Prime Minister to adopt an Animal's Charter. Letter from the Home Office has said that they do not consider it their responsibility to spay / neuter animals. ABC produce a bi-monthly newsletter.

ANIMALS' DEFENDERS

RAVENSIDE, 261 GOLDHAWK ROAD, LONDON
W12 9PE - 081 846 9777

Youth group of the National Anti-Vivisection Society. They campaign on a wide range of issues concerning the abuse of animals.

ANDA

0282 411415

Campaigns against bullfighting and the cruel Spanish fiestas. They produce graphic leaflets.

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION GROUP

C/O 83-87 UNION STREET, LONDON SE1 1SG

The group was created to acquire hard evidence about the cruel abuse of our fellow creatures in order to curtail it.

They have achieved a number of successes in exposing animal abusers. Money is desperately needed to help with their huge expenses. Leaflets are available on request.

ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT

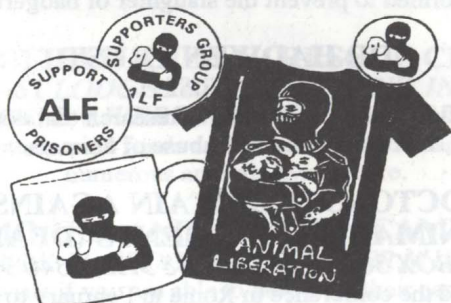
PO BOX 38, MANCHESTER, M60 1NX

Recently held a demonstration against Laundry Farm, Cambridge - a notorious animal breeding centre that supplies animals to Cambridge University. ALIU have produced an excellent video "Animal Liberation - The Movie" - cost £8.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP (ALFSG)

BCM 1160, LONDON WC1N 3XX

Raise funds to help pay fines, and travelling expenses of relatives making prison visits. They also produce a wide range of merchandise, leaflets and factsheets.



ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT EVERYWHERE!



ANIMAL RESCUE

PO BOX 233, LIVERPOOL L69 7LF

Holds frequent public meetings with stalls selling cruelty-free goods. Write for further information.

ANIMAL AID

7 CASTLE STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT TN9 1BH

Campaigns against all animal abuse and distributes the "Humane Research Donor Cards" - available on request.

ANIMAL AID AND ADVICE

081 889 9714

Aims to encourage responsible pet "ownership" and neutering of cats and dogs. The society also re-homes animals.

ANIMALIBERATION

C/O BOX 38, MANCHESTER M60 1NX

Produces a newsletter which includes reports of animal liberation actions and details of prisoners. Newsletter No.2 contains the history of the ALIU, "The Story So Far".

ANIMAL WELFARE PARTY

081 551 4630

A pressure group that campaigns for political change. Their aim is to secure for all animals the right to live their lives free from pain and fear.

ARKANGEL MAGAZINE

BCM 9240, LONDON WC1N 3XX

"... a magazine committed to open debate about animal liberation" (Observer Magazine, 12th July 92).

BELFAST ANIMAL BUST FUND

PO BOX 148, BELFAST BT1 2LZ

Raises money in support of animal rights prisoners in Northern Ireland.

BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY

57 KING HENRY'S WALK, LONDON N1 4NH

Send for details on how to help BWC bring about an end to animal cruelty. They produce leaflets and a twice-yearly magazine.

BRITISH UNION FOR THE ABOLITION OF VIVISECTION (BUAV)

16A CRANE GROVE, LONDON

In June, BUAV launched a campaign to end the importation of primates into Britain for use in labs here and abroad.



BRITISH Hedgehog

PRESERVATION SOCIETY

KNOWBURY HOUSE, KNOWBURY, LUDLOW,
SHROPSHIRE - 0584 890287

They aim to raise awareness about the protection of hedgehogs. Produce an informative newsletter.



CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEATHER AND FUR (CALF)

BM 8889, LONDON WC1N 3XX

Distributes literature about leather, fur, wool and silk. Also sell t-shirts and stickers. Leaflets are free, but donations to cover postage are very welcome.

CARE FOR THE WILD

0293 871596

Produce a magazine and sell merchandise to raise funds to help dolphins and other wild animals.

CHICKEN'S LIB

PO BOX 2, HOLMFIRTH, HUDDERSFIELD
HD7 1QT

Campaign against battery cages, and produce a wide range of merchandise.

CAPTIVE ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

0273 737756

Activities include attempting to prevent the use and exploitation of captive and performing animals.

CAMPAIGN TO END FRAUDULENT MEDICAL RESEARCH

PO BOX 302, LONDON N8 9HD

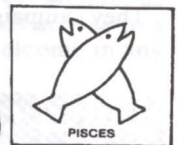
Produce excellent leaflets detailing animal experimentation and exposing scientific fraud.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANGLING (CAA)

PO BOX 130, SEVENOAKS, KENT TN14 5NR

0836 279758

Organised the National Anti-Angling Week in June. Produce a regular newsletter and a variety of merchandise. Membership is £4 per year or £50 life membership. Phone for further information.



C.L.A.W.

4 ONSLOW ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON

The group campaigns against Cottage Kennels (previously Cottage Patch Kennels). Send for leaflets for distribution.

Donations welcome.

MRS LEE CAMPBELL
GWERNALLT BUNGALOW, LLANARMON,
PWIHELI, GWYNEDD LL53 6SW

For information concerning chinchillas and how they are threatened by the fur trade.

DISABLED AGAINST ANIMAL RESEARCH AND EXPLOITATION (DAARE)

PO BOX 8, DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS NN11 4RQ

DAARE campaigns for the total abolition of animal experimentation. The group supports research which directly benefits disabled people, such as, human cell, tissue and organ cultures, computer models, and clinical studies.

DARTMOOR BADGER PROTECTION LEAGUE

0626 776503

Formed to prevent the slaughter of badgers.

DR HADWEN TRUST

0462 436819

They find and fund alternative research that does not involve the use and abuse of animals.

DOCTORS IN BRITAIN AGAINST ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DBAE)

PO BOX 302, LONDON N8 9HD - 340 9813

Organised the conference in Rome in February to promote

the arguments against vivisection.

DODDLESTONE BUST FUND
C/O WOLVES HSA, STUDENTS' UNION,
WOLVERHAMPTON POLYTECHNIC

Money is desperately needed to fund travelling expenses and court costs during the trial.

ELEFRIENDS
CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, COLDHARBOUR, NR
DORKING, SURREY RH5 6HA

By supporting Elefriends you will be taking action to support the rangers and to destroy the ivory markets. They produce a newsletter and a wide range of merchandise.

FIGHT ANIMAL CRUELTY
EVERYWHERE (FACE)

0245 380297

Phone to find out how you can help.

THE FOX PROJECT
PO BOX 836, LONDON SE18 2EZ
ADVICELINE 081 317 9996

By supporting the project you are helping to reinstate the fox to its rightful status - to a position of affection and protection. They produce a newsletter and leaflets.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

In March, FOE members chained themselves to the fence across the site entrance at Twyford Down, Hants, to try to prevent the building of the M3 extension across important wildlife habitats.

FREEDOM ANIMAL SANCTUARY
TRUST

12B DUDLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT
TN1 1LF

Need money to re-home animals and to realise their long-term aim of creating a sanctuary. They produce and sell t-shirts.



FRESHFIELD ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE
EAST LODGE FARM, EAST LANE, INCE
BLUNDELL, LIVERPOOL L29 3EA - 051 931 1604

Desperately need funds and offers of help to care for the numerous animals living there.

FLAMINGOLAND DOLPHIN CAMPAIGN
PO BOX 11, SEDO, MANCHESTER M18 8GU

Please write if you are able to help with their campaign to

return the dolphins to their proper home - the ocean.

GREEK ANIMAL WELFARE FUND
668 0548

Fighting for an end to the abuse of animals including donkeys, cats and horses.

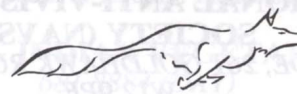
HUMANE INFORMATION
PO BOX 47, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA,
EAST SUSSEX TN38 0FT

Produce an extremely good leaflet which explains why people carry out direct action. 100 leaflets for £2.25.

HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION (HSA)

PO BOX 1, CARLTON, NOTTINGHAM NG4 2JY

Contact for information about forming a hunt sab group. The HSA provides speakers for talks, gives legal advice, and produces the magazine "Howl".



HSA (NORTHERN IRELAND)
PO BOX 148, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
BT1 2FF

Write for details

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL
WELFARE (IFAW)

Launched a £1 million campaign to make fox and stag hunting an issue in the General Election.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY
855 FINCHLEY ROAD, GOLDERS GREEN,
LONDON NW11

Aims to educate the Jewish community about the benefits offered by a vegetarian lifestyle. The Young Jewish Vegetarian Society (22 to 35) can be contacted at the same address.

LIBERTY

Launched in London in February, they campaign to protect and secure the welfare of all bears. They aim to end the slaughter of bears for body parts, improve the conditions of captive bears, and fund vital conservation projects. They have provided safety in a Greek sanctuary for 12 bears.

MOVEMENT FOR COMPASSIONATE
LIVING

47 HIGHLANDS ROAD, SURREY KT22 8NQ
"New Leaves" magazine - 45p.

THE MAYHEW HOME
TRENMAR GARDENS, WILLESDEN, LONDON
NW10 6BJ

Provides emergency care and attention for distressed and abandoned animals. Please make cheques payable to "The Mayhew Trust".

NORTHERN IRELAND ANIMAL AID

PO BOX 148, BELFAST BT1 2LZ

Have stalls in Belfast city centre, and picket Boots and McDonalds most weeks. Have also leafletted the Medical Biology Centre - a vivisection lab - and held a vigil there.

N.O.W. AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS

ST JOS, SOULDEM, OXON OX6 9LA

Attempting to halt the brutal trade in which animals are exported to the continent. Leaflets are available, but a donation is needed to cover costs.



NICHE

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0786 73171

Held a one-day animal rights symposium in April on the topic "Animals and Education".

NATIONAL ANTI-VIVISECTION SOCIETY (NAVS)

RAVENSIDE, 261 GOLDHAWK ROAD, LONDON W12 9PE

Organised the World Day For Laboratory Animals march and rally in April. 22,000 people took part in the largest ever demo of its kind. NAVS produce an extensive range of merchandise, and a variety of posters and leaflets.

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE ASSOCIATION (NARA)

21 HIGHLANDS AVENUE, SPINNEY HILL, NORTHAMPTON NN3 1BG

NARA are campaigning against the cruel Spanish fiestas. They are trying to get the offence of cruelty incorporated into the Spanish penal code.

PIGEON RESCUE

644 7349

They care for, and collect in the South London area, any sick, orphaned or injured pigeon. Donations are sincerely appreciated.



PETWATCH

PO BOX 16, BRIGHOUSE, WEST YORKSHIRE HD6 1DS

Warn people to be on the alert for suspicious adverts

which may be a cover for pet thieves. They produce leaflets and a newsletter.

QUEST CANCER TEST

027979 2233

It is the only cancer charity that concentrates all its resources in developing routine tests so that the first signs of cancer can be detected and treated. They need financial help.

RSPCA

In June, they started a campaign against whaling because of the cruelty involved. Also in June, at their AGM a motion to adopt a "more animal rights philosophy" was

passed. There was also applause for animal rights prisoners. The RSPCA has produced a hard-hitting video for schools, and have launched an anti-bullfighting campaign in the run up to the olympics.

RSPCA WATCHDOG

**44 KINGSLEY ROAD, HORLEY, SURREY RH6 8RH
0293 786116**

Keep an eye on the RSPCA and see they do not stray from the issues they should be fighting. Phone for further information.

RSPB

In April, the RSPB warned that birds are at risk from hedge-cutting during the spring season, and urged hedge maintenance be delayed until September when the breeding season is over.

REPTILE PROTECTION TRUST

Urging Britain to follow France in banning imports of terrapins.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS (SARP)

PO BOX 96, NORTHAMPTON NN5 5JT

Produces a newsletter giving details about people arrested / imprisoned for animal liberation actions. They sell merchandise including t-shirts. Donations, however small, are welcome.

SEA SHEPHERD

PO BOX 5, ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX TW15 2PY

Organisation which campaigns against the abuse of marine life. They now have two sea-going vessels. Money is needed for this expensive operation.

SEA TURTLE SURVIVAL

PO BOX 790, LONDON SW16 3NJ - 764 9186

Formed to promote awareness of the plight of turtles throughout the world.

TURNING POINT MAGAZINE

PO BOX 45, NORTHOLT, MIDDLESEX UB5 6SZ

Excellent animal rights magazine which complements Arkangel perfectly. £6 for four issues.

THE ANIMAL RIGHTS SHOP

QUIGGINS CENTRE, 12-16 SCHOOL LANE, LIVERPOOL L1 3BT - 051 709 0730

A wide range of t-shirts, posters, books, cruelty-free cosmetics, etc. Open Mon - Sat 10am to 5.30pm.

TODAY'S VEGETARIAN

0225 442244

The first mass-market vegetarian magazine (125,000 print run) which sells in leading stores. News of events and protests by local groups are needed. A good opportunity to get your views across to the masses!

TEACHERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

C/O 29 LYNWOOD ROAD, LONDON SW17 8SB

Write for an information pack - but please send a donation to cover costs.

TAIL ENDS

PO BOX 1550, LONDON SW4 6HP

A voluntary group, desperately in need of funds. They are a small vegan animal rescue network which needs homes for abused or abandoned animals - mainly cats and dogs. Donations can be made through any bank to "Tail Ends", Nationwide Building Society, Sort Code 07-00-93, Bank A/C No. 33333334, Tail Ends Account No. 0278/702341477. All donations go directly towards food, veterinary bills, neutering and spaying.

TIME FOR CHANGE

**167 FAWCETT ROAD, SOUTHSEA, HANTS
PO4 0DH - 0705 818786**

Vegetarian and vegan specialists offering a wide range of healthy wholefoods and organic produce. Mon -Sat, 9am to 5.30pm.

VEGAN SOCIETY

**7 BATTLE ROAD, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA,
EAST SUSSEX TN37 7AA**

Publishes "The Vegan" magazine and "The Cruelty-Free Shopper". Produces leaflets and an extensive range of merchandise.



VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

**PARKDALE, DUNHAM ROAD, ALTRINGHAM,
CHESHIRE WA14 4QG - 061 928 0793**

Members receive a regular magazine. Sells a variety of merchandise.

VEGFAM

082 282 203 / 0462 456294

Vegfam has been influencing and working with charities to carry out projects which do not exploit animals for nearly 30 years.

VEGAN VIEWS MAGAZINE

6 HAYES AVENUE, BOURNEMOUTH BH7 7AD
Regular magazine with unusual and interesting articles.

VEGGIES

**C/O 180 MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM
NG1 3HU**

Veggies Catering Campaign is available to provide tasty vegan snacks at animal rights events. They also produce

posters and other merchandise.

VEGAN PARTNERS (STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL)

**DEBORAH BENNETT, 39 WOODFIELDS,
STANSTEAD, ESSEX CM24 8AL**

Vegans are few and far between, so meet new people by writing to me at the above address.

VEGETARIAN LIFESTYLE

0727 55705

Organising an animals and environmental fair on August 15th at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Victoria, London, 9am to 6pm.

WINDSOR DOLPHIN CAMPAIGN

**PO BOX 5, ASHFORD MIDDLESEX TW15 2PY
0784 254846**

Keep a regular picket outside Windsor Safari Park every Sunday from 10am to 1.30pm. Please support them.

YOUNG INDIAN VEGETARIANS

681 8884 (DAY)

Organisers of the mass vegetarian rally and picnic held each year in Hyde Park.

ZOO CHECK

**CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, COLDHARBOUR,
DORKING, SURREY RH5 6HA - 0306 713431**

Campaigns against the abuse of animals in zoos.

THE
VEGAN
MAGAZINE
ARKANGEL

For information about animal rights campaigns, news about actions of animal liberation and protection, inspiring ideas and constructive advice on how to help animals, interesting articles by animal rights campaigners and lively debate and comments from all points of view in the animal movement, a round up of victories large and small, and a positive, united approach to all forms of activity to help animals ... **ARKANGEL** is the magazine.

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issue!*

If you're pro
animal, you'll
be glad you
subscribed
to **ARKANGEL**.

**ARKANGEL,
BCM 9240,
LONDON
WC1N 3XX**



LOCAL GROUPS

BECKLAND ANIMAL CONCERN

0953 81785 (MIKE)

Are organising a national protest march and vigil against Life Science Research, Occold, Nr Eye, Suffolk at 1pm, Saturday, 22nd August. Nearest BR station is Diss. Meet at Buckshorn Lane Car Park, off Church Street, Eye.

BROMLEY ANIMAL DEFENCE GROUP **081 464 6035**

Demonstrated outside a local laboratory on World Day, and supported the "Leyden Street Chicken Slaughterhouse" demo in May. They organised a sponsored walk, and hold regular stalls in the High Street. Last year the group succeeded in getting circuses with performing animals banned on council land.

BARNSELY NAVS

Are campaigning against dissection in local schools, and doing lots of stalls. They hold public meetings.

BOGNOR AND CHICHESTER ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Collecting signatures to persuade West Sussex Council Council to ban hunting on its land. Members helped set up a badger group on the IOW. They hold regular stalls.

CORNWALL ANIMAL RIGHTS

Collected over 30,000 signatures in their campaign for the adoption of an Animal Welfare Charter by Cornwall County Council.

COVENTRY ANIMAL ALLIANCE

Held an all-night vigil on the steps of Coventry Cathedral in memory of laboratory animals - to mark the World Day. They hold regular stalls in Coventry, Nuneaton and Bedworth.

EAST LONDON ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO BOX 216, FOREST GATE, LONDON E7 9RB

Organising a demonstration against animal experiments at London Hospital Medical College on 19th September. The group hold regular stalls recently received a £1000 donation from the BUAV which was used to produce leaflets. They have received good local newspaper coverage.

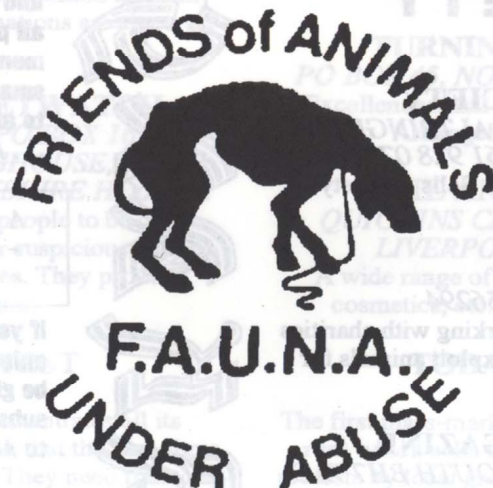
EAST DEVON ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO BOX 79, EXETER, DEVON EX2 9AG

Organised a public meeting with a NAVS speaker in April. Leafletting takes place on a regular basis in the city centre. They have sent numerous letters in protest at the Spanish blood fiestas.

EASTBOURNE HUNT BALL DEFENCE FUND

C/O PO BOX 307, BRIGHTON
Need funds to support those arrested last December.



FRIENDS OF ANIMALS UNDER ABUSE (FAUNA)
PO BOX 156, CARDIFF CF5 5YD - 0222 569914 (24HR)

The group are always looking for new members. Please contact them

if you would like to become involved in local campaigns, or can offer support.

GARSTON ANIMAL RESCUE **PO BOX 8, WIDNES, CHESHIRE WA8 0FX**

They organise public meetings and produce a newsletter. All donations go towards animal rescue.

GOSPORT & FAREHAM ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP **GOSPORT 588516**

Actively campaigning against the local puppy supermarket (ex Cottage Patch Kennels), now known as Garetmar. The place is a hell-hole for any dog unfortunate to be there. Garetmar supply dogs to Wickham Laboratory. There will be a demo at Wickham Research Laboratories on September 26th - meet at 3pm in the car park at the bottom of Mill Lane, Wickham. The group also campaigns against other areas of animal abuse.

HEREFORD ANIMAL RIGHTS

Raised over £300 for Animal Aid on a "Full of Beans" sponsored walk in March.

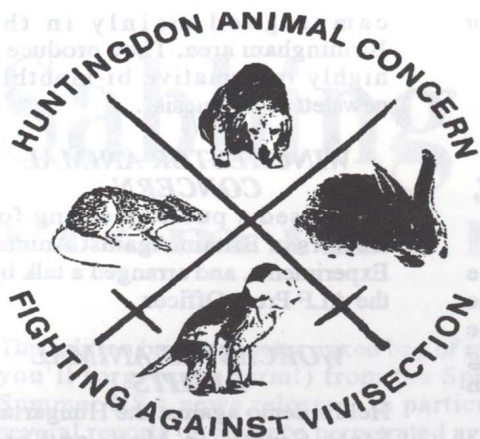
HOUNSLOW & TWICKENHAM ANIMAL DEFENCE GROUP

Have been helping at a local swan sanctuary painting swan huts. They held a successful public video show in April, and on the same day held demos against Boots and Dewhursts.

HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CONCERN

0480 413630 (PAT)

An active animal rights group which has been campaigning against the Huntingdon Research Centre where animals are being tortured to death. They produce an impressive newsletter.



**HACKNEY & ISLINGTON
ANIMAL RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN (HIARC)
C/O ALARA, 58 SEVEN
SISTERS ROAD, LONDON
N7 6AA**

An active campaigning group involved in numerous local campaigns including protests against Boots, and the Leyden Street Chicken Slaughterhouse. They leaflet, and hold public meetings.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ANIMAL
RIGHTS CHARTER
CAMPAIGN
PO BOX 66, BROXBORNE,
HERTS EN10 6LU
- 0426 911785**

Have organised a petition calling on the Forestry Commission to ban hunting on its land. The FC revealed that eight different hunts use its land in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire alone. Ask for a petition form now! A demonstration will take place on Saturday 17th October against bloodsports. Meet at 12 noon on the corner of the High Street and Castle Road, Bedford.

**ISLE OF WIGHT ANIMAL
PRESERVATION AND
ACTION GROUP**

Articles for their newsletter can be sent to the editor, Mr J Amsden, Little Spinney, Solent Road, Cranmore, Yarmouth, IOW. The newsletter covers various issues and includes poems and recipes.

**JENITA FOX RESCUE
0703 692309**

**LONDON GREENPEACE
5 CALEDONIAN ROAD,
LONDON N1**

This year's "London Greenpeace Fayre" will be from 11am to 9pm on Saturday 31st October at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 (Nearest tube is Holborn).

There will be stalls, videos, music, vegan food, creche, cabaret and discussions. Admission is free.

**LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT
ANIMAL AID**

They gave a talk to a local school in June, and are currently campaigning against vivisection at "Life Science", intensive farming, and the cruel fiestas in Spain. The youth group is growing steadily with more school groups starting up.

**LEEDS ANIMAL ACTION
BOX 281, 52 CALL LANE,
LEEDS LS1 6DT**

Are running a campaign to end vivisection at Leeds University. In April they held a demo in front of the building during which some members climbed onto the roof with a huge banner which could be clearly seen from the street below. The demo received local TV, radio and newspaper interest. In May, they occupied part of the university's medical building to coincide with an open day being held there. The group will be stepping up their campaign. LAA have been protesting against Chipperfields' circus and, in conjunction with Leeds Animal Forum, have succeeded in getting a motion banning animal circuses from council land ratified by the sub-committee for the environment. The group have lots of plans, including action against Boots the vivisectionists. Write if you feel you can help this active group.

**LONDON BOOTS ACTION
GROUP
C/O ALARA, 58 SEVEN
SISTERS ROAD, LONDON
N7 6AA**

The nationwide day of action on 20th June, which was organised by LBAG, ALIU and the Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation, was an outstanding success. Groups



throughout the country held demos outside their local Boots stores. LBAG held an all-day demo outside Boots' Central London area office and were filmed by Sky News. Another day of action is planned for 19th June next year. A national anti-Boots rally is being organised for Saturday, 14th November in Nottingham. Write for details. LBAG meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6, Endsleigh Street, London WC1 at 7.30pm. A demo is held every Sunday from 1.30pm to 5.30pm outside Boots in Camden High Street. LBAG produce a regular newsletter, and the subscription is £3 per year.

**NORWICH ANIMAL
CHARTER**

An active group which campaigns on a wide range of issues. A recent library exhibition attracted 40 enquiries. The group gives talks in schools and are hoping to set up a new group in Kings Lynn.

**NEW FOREST ANIMAL
PROTECTION GROUP
PO BOX 45, NEW MILTON,
HANTS BH25 5YS**

A non-profit-making group which uses its funds to publish a twice-yearly newsletter, to produce leaflets, to maintain their publicity caravan, to fund the upkeep of CB radios, and to help the rescued animals at the Cedarwood Wildlife Care Centre. They also sell t-shirts and other merchandise.

ROSS ANIMAL RIGHTS

Are continuing their campaign against animal experiments at Toxicol, Ledbury - they protest outside every day. A large demo is being planned. They also held a

protest against an animal circus in Worcester.

SOUTH DEVON ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO BOX 76, TORQUAY

Have organised several petitions and information stalls in the town centre aimed especially at tourists.

SKEGNESS ANIMAL AID

Took part in a local demo against veal crates. They have given a school talk using anti-vivisection videos, and held a vegetarian taste-in at the same school.

SWINDON ANIMAL WELFARE ALLIANCE

Hosted a NAVS public meeting which attracted over 30 people.

SHEFFIELD NAVS

Notorious vivisectioner, Colin Blakemore, abandoned his planned lecture in Sheffield in May when he realised how many AR people were in the lecture theatre. Also in May, a protest was held against Boots.

SOUTHDOWN HUNT SABOTEURS

**PO BOX 307, 51 SHIP STREET, BRIGHTON
- 0273 730158**

In need of funds to continue sabotaging hunts across southern England. Phone if you are able to offer help.

SOUTHEND ANIMAL AID C/O 24 HARLEQUIN STEPS, 30 HAWTREE CLOSE, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA SS1 2TY

Have organised a series of events promoting vegetarianism and held a successful public meeting which attracted over 30 people and included free food tasting. Several group members took part in a 24 hour fast in memory of the millions of people starving in the Third World, whose land is being used to feed animals so that people in the rich countries can eat meat.

SOUTH LONDON ANIMAL AID

**PO BOX 594, LONDON
SW9 8QG**

Very active local group which campaigns against all animal abuse. Organisers of the highly popular Christmas Without Cruelty

exhibition. Phone 071 274 1644 for more details.

STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS

BOX 6, BOWES LYON HOUSE, ST GEORGES WAY, STEVENAGE, HERTS SG1 1XY

Produce a very informative newsletter which covers a whole range of issues - only 30p. The group are also actively campaigning against the Glaxo vivisection laboratory.



TAUNTON ANIMAL RIGHTS PO BOX 243, TAUNTON

This group holds regular stalls in the High Street. They organised a "Living Without Cruelty" in June, and have talked with students at Bridgewater College about animal abuse.

WEST MIDLANDS ANIMAL AID

**3 GEORGE STREET,
BALSALL HEATH,
BIRMINGHAM B12 9RG -
021 440 2445**

Active animal rights group formed earlier this year from a group which

campaigns mainly in the Birmingham area. They produce a highly informative bi-monthly newsletter, "Nemesis".

WINCHESTER ANIMAL CONCERN

Organised a public meeting for Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments, and arranged a talk by the ALF Press Officer.

WORCESTER ANIMAL RIGHTS

Held a demo against the Hungarian State Circus in May, and are campaigning against Toxicol Laboratories.

WYRE FOREST ANIMAL CONCERN

Took part in demos against Fisons in Loughborough, warfare experiments at Aston University, and Robert Fosset's Circus in Dudley which includes bear acts.

WITNEY ANIMAL RIGHTS

GROUP

0993 831338

This is a new group which campaigns against all forms of animal abuse but in particular against Oxford University and Hill Grove Farm, Crawley. The latter breeds large numbers of cats and sells them to laboratories.

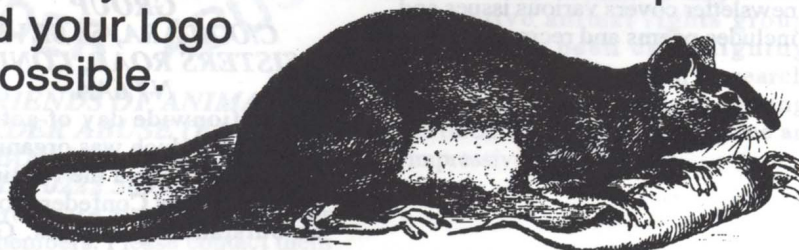
YEOVIL ANIMAL ACTION GROUP

0963 250149

Hold meetings on the first Monday of the month - upstairs at the Pall Tavern, Yeovil. New members are very welcome.

Arkangel Local Group Section

Please send us details of what your group has been doing so that we can let everyone else know! Include photos and your logo if possible.



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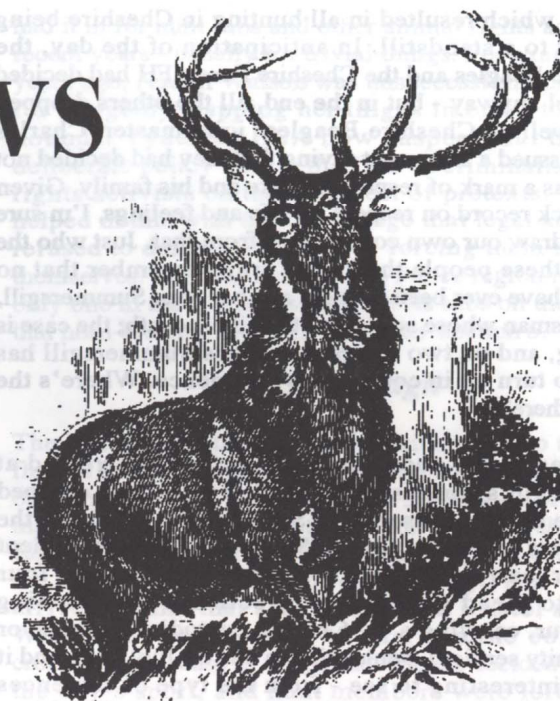
From the HSA

This edition brings a pretty mixed bag of reports culled (if you'll forgive the term!) from the Spring and early Summer HSA news releases. In particular, there are several reports of violence perpetrated against sabs. The incidence of these attacks doesn't diminish, and as the hunting fraternity is forced further into a corner by our activities the attacks are bound to grow worse. But, to reiterate a point made in the last edition, the hunts will soon learn that violence breeds violence; they can give us all the ag they like - we'll continue to hound them until they've been run to earth for good.

The McNamara Bill

The big disappointment of the season was the failure of Kevin McNamara's Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill to secure a Second Reading. For those of us who were present in the Commons on February 14th, some enjoyment was at least gained from watching the other side cough up the usual guff to justify their fun, and then squirm under the verbal onslaught from the Bill's supporters. Prize for the most revealing soundbite of the day must, however, be awarded to one of the Bill's most rabid detractors; Sir Nicholas Ridley - who, in a rare moment of irony, said "The only thing I've got against foxhunts is that they don't catch enough foxes." Quite, Nick - thanks for rubbishing the 'pest control' argument for the benefit of the entire nation! The failure of the Bill was hailed as a great victory by the pro-hunt lobby - but just what sort of victory was it? A majority of 12 on the vote - a lousy 6%. Do they seriously call that a victory? Even Sir Nicholas Bonsor had the honesty to admit that it was too close for comfort. They can't be that lucky for too much longer - and they know it only too well. Next time...

One final tale on the subject of the Bill; you'll be amused to hear that the Campaign for Hunting - a coalition of the National Hunting Club, the BFSS and the MFA - had hoped to stage a pro-hunting rally in Hyde Park on the day before the reading. However, their plans were foiled by the Metropolitan Police, who feared that the rally would invoke an uncontrollable breakdown in public order. (Odd, that... it's difficult to imagine the police as being in any way sensitive to public sentiment!) In the end, the rally had to be hastily relocated to Stoneleigh Park in Coventry - which is to Hyde Park what Herne Bay is to Monte Carlo - but they had to be seen somewhere, didn't they! To cap it all, the demonstrators were instructed to leave hounds, horns, red coats and top hats at home and pretend to be farmers supporting the Campaign's aims. As Ben Ponton, the HSA Press Officer commented, this is "typical of the arrogant hypocrisy of those who kill wild animals for fun."



More about the Campaign for Hunting

Readers of the Daily Telegraph among you may have noticed a full-page advert placed by the above-named group on February 10th. The ad featured a photograph of a man, identified as an opponent of hunting, shouting angrily at the photographer. Beneath the photo was the headline, "The voice of reason?" On the bottom half of the ad was a list of people who represent the complete opposite of this crazed animal rights extremist - veritable bastions of conservatism, like those well-known bloodsportsmen John 'Rumpole' Mortimer and 'Beefy' Botham. The photo is, in fact, of Martin Bright, a member of the North Downs branch of the HSA. It is a still taken from a video shot at a meeting of the Old Surrey and Burstow during the 1990/91 foxhunting season, and shows - as the ad conveniently neglects to mention - Martin expressing his anger and distress after a domestic cat was run over and killed by a hunt follower in his car. A complaint has been made to the Advertising Standards Authority regarding this misrepresentation, and we'll keep you informed of the outcome at a later date.

As an interesting footnote to this, it's rather ironic that last November three members of the Old Surrey and Burstow were convicted of several offences relating to a violent attack made upon Martin Bright the previous year. The charges included affray, assault and ABH. One of the three, Nigel Trevithick-Wood, is believed also to have a criminal record including charges for theft and fraud. Martin Bright has no criminal record.

Mike Hill

Sunday, February 9th saw the anniversary of the tragic killing of Mike Hill. In memory of Mike, sabs from all over the country took part in an intensive day of action on

the 8th, which resulted in all hunting in Cheshire being brought to a standstill. In anticipation of the day, the Cheshire Beagles and the Cheshire Forest FH had decided to cancel anyway - but in the end, all the others dropped out as well. A Cheshire Beagles' joint master, Charles Hardy, issued a statement saying that they had decided not to hunt as a mark of respect to Mike and his family. Given their track record on respect for life and feelings, I'm sure we can draw our own conclusions from that. Just who the hell do these people think they are? Remember that no charges have ever been brought against Alan Summersgill, the huntsman whose action led to Mike's death; the case is ongoing, and on two recent occasions Summersgill has failed to turn up in court to give evidence. Where's the respect there?

The latest news about the demonstrators arrested at Summersgill's home is that the riot charges were dropped after the Crown Prosecution Service advised six of the defendants to plead guilty to Section 2 offences (violent disorder, carrying a 2 - 2 1/2 year sentence) and four others to plead guilty under Section 4 (threatening behaviour, carrying a 4 - 6 month custodial sentence or community service). Sentencing is due on July 13th, and it will be interesting to see - from the type of sentences passed - whether the CPS's advice was worth taking. There are some who feel it might be a stitch up.

Hunt Violence

As I said earlier, there's a long (though far from complete) list of reports in this section, so I'll cover them as briefly as possible. An asterisk '*' in the text denotes that the outcome of any offences, arrests or trials was unknown by the compiler at the time of going to press.



On February 22nd members of Portsmouth HSA, who were attending a meet of the Hursley Hambledon FH, were attacked by terriermen after successfully decoying the hounds with a toy rabbit soaked in fox urine. The sabs had previously achieved great success with the decoy (tacticians take note!); the toy had been kept in a cage with a wounded fox at an animal sanctuary, and on the day the hounds set off in eager pursuit of it as it was trailed behind a sab's mountain bike. The terriermen, however, didn't see the funny side of this. They used washing-up liquid bottles to spray the sabs with what is believed to have been horse

urine; several sabs were then beaten up and the tyres of the mountain bike were slashed. Police were called, and promptly - surprise, surprise - arrested two of the beaten sabs, later charging them with assault, criminal damage and Section 5 offences.*

The Staffordshire-based Albrighton Foxhunt is continuing its campaign of violence against hunt saboteurs. Followers of the hunt attacked sabs for the third consecutive weekend on February 29th. Six men were arrested after attacking sabs during the meet at Norbury Junction. One male sab was thrown against a barbed wire fence, whilst a woman sab was dragged around by her hair.* Only weeks earlier, Albrighton supporter Gary Whelband was fined £200 and ordered to pay £50 compensation and £138 costs after being convicted of ABH; he had attacked a Wolverhampton sab, causing jaw injuries and a perforated eardrum.

Huntsmen and followers of the Old Berkshire Foxhunt were involved in the ramming of an Oxford HSA sab's van at a Bourton meet on March 7th. The van was blocked on a farm track by two mounted members, and a pick-up truck was driven from the nearby Lower Earls Court Farm and used to ram the van - shunting it along the track. Later, other supporters drove a fork-lift truck to the scene and threatened to use it to overturn the van. The threat was not carried out, but the pick-up and the fork-lift were used to block the track and hold the sabs captive. After 45 minutes, the police arrived - but they made no arrests. Instead, the sabs were taken to Swindon police station to make statements.* The van is now a complete write-off.

One Peterborough sab was hospitalised and two others required hospital treatment after hunt violence at a Cottesmore Foxhunt meet on March 26th. Sabs described scenes at the hunt as some of the worst examples of hunt violence they have experienced. The 'treatment' included fractured bones, torn muscles and injuries sustained from liberal lashings from riding crops; the hospitalised sab was attacked with an iron bar. Complaints were made to the police, but no members of the hunt were arrested; instead, they arrested three saboteurs, one of whom - Gareth Gee - was held by a police officer while a hunt supporter attacked him and tried to steal his camera. Later, despite warning the police that he was still recovering from a broken arm, Gareth had his arm bent back so sharply by an officer that it broke again. Sabs both locally and nationally are outraged by police behaviour in this incident - and no members of the hunt have been either questioned or arrested. The HSA is advising the sabs about issuing writs for damages against the police and bringing civil proceedings against members of the hunt.*

A West Norfolk hunt supporter has been found guilty of affray and three counts of criminal damage following an attack on hunt sabs and an Anglia TV journalist at a cubhunting meet last September. Mark Fuller - 6'6" tall and tipping the weighbridge at 25 stones - attacked the sabs and sought to destroy both their camera and that belonging to the journalist, who was collecting material for a current affairs programme. Afterwards, Fuller is alleged to have torn the wing mirrors from the sab's van and used them to smash some of its windows. At the trial, he was fined £350 for affray, £250 for each criminal

damage charge and £200 for causing damage to the van; he was also ordered to pay £1463 compensation and £150 costs. Not nearly enough. If there was any justice, he'd be serving time now - like some sabs have had to do for lesser offences.

Last August, John Funnell, joint master and huntsman with the notorious Surrey Union - one of the most violent hunts in the country - was convicted of affray and assault causing ABH, and given a suspended jail sentence of two months. He was found guilty of using his horse to repeatedly trample Brixton hunt sab Andy Tuck, who was sitting in an earth where a fox had gone to ground. Andy suffered severe head injuries as a result of this incident, and brought civil proceedings against Funnell for damages. Funnell agreed to settle out of court to the sum of £900 plus costs.

Folkestone and Herne Bay HSA sabs ran into trouble at a meet of the East Kent Foxhunt at Aldington on New Year's Eve. The hunt had got some extra muscle out to bolster the ranks of the terrier men, and at one stage six sabs were trapped in a field as the mob charged. Three sabs managed to leg it back to their van in order to go for help, but one of its windows was smashed by a lobbed cider bottle - which narrowly missed one sab's head. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and revenge was taken a few weeks later when about 60 sabs turned up for a regional hit on the East Kent at Petham, near Canterbury; the hunt was put into complete disarray on that day, and the heavies didn't show up again for the rest of the season. Perhaps they've learnt now that they get as good as they give - or better!

I think that's enough for now about violence. Readers might find it a bit boring ploughing through it all, but it serves a couple of useful purposes; first of all, it reminds us of what we're up against; and secondly, it generates anger - which helps to bolster our commitment in the continuing fight against these scumbags.

Sabs in the Dock

On February 13th, two hunt sabs went on trial at Hexham Magistrates Court charged with Section 5 offences.* Stuart Lord, of Tyneside HSA, and Stephen Jones, of Leeds HSA, were accused of disorderly behaviour at the Northumberland Beagling Festival last September. Apparently, the two conspired to cause "harassment, alarm and distress" to the huntsman by committing the dreadful crimes of shouting at the hounds and blowing a hunting horn! Stuart Lord also had to stand trial for calling Ian Wear, a whipper-in with the Newcastle and District Beagles, a prat - but the CPS abandoned the case at the last minute. Perhaps they agreed with Stuart! Naomi Watson (see below) was due to appear before Hexham magistrates on February 27th - also for calling Ian Wear a prat. That case, too, was abandoned. It seems that poor, victimised Mr Wear just can't get away from it - he's a prat, and that's that! And if that's the worst name he's ever been called, then I hope next season will see him cowering in embarrassment from a barrage of choicer - and no less appropriate - names.

Joking aside, the Northumberland branch of the CPS have

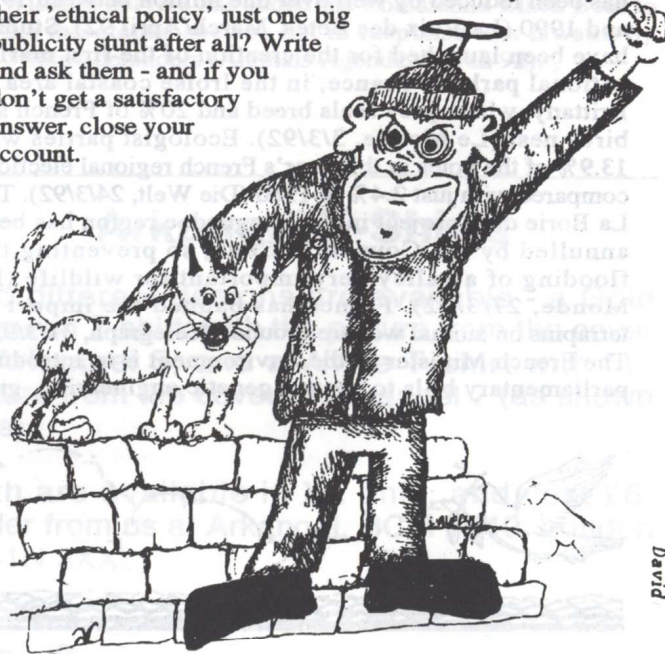
had it in for hunt sabs and other animal rights activists in recent years - usually for trivial things. For example, two years ago, Naomi Watson was unsuccessfully prosecuted for allegedly slapping her thighs in order to distract hounds! Tyneside HSA now suspect that there is a deliberate policy within the CPS to criminalise animal rights activists on the slimmest of pretexts. They are helped in this with the knowledge that legal aid will be refused to defendants, thereby forcing them to defend themselves. The Northumberland Police region is now the only one in the country which arrests sabs on the grounds that horn-blowing is an offence under Section 5.

A Last Laugh

The last regimental foxhunt in Britain put up the white flag on February 8th when it was faced with the prospect of sitting down to breakfast with 30 sabs - a prospect to make even the hardest bastards in the Marines shrink! The Royal Artillery Foxhunt had planned a hunt breakfast at the Bustard pub at Shrewton on Salisbury Plain - and they arrived to find that sabs from Bath, Bristol and West Wiltshire were waiting to share in the coffee and croissants. Because of this, hunt officials decided to cancel the day's sport, and hunt members were left with no choice but to box up and bugger off home. Could this be one of the easiest acts of sabotage ever?

Final News: The Co-op Bank

The Co-op Bank has made much noise lately about its ethical stance against animal exploiters. It has ceased doing business with companies involved in fur farming, cosmetic testing and bloodsports (except, for some reason, angling), and this is good to hear. But readers might be interested to hear that Peterborough Hunt Saboteurs recently applied to open a deposit account with their local branch - and they received a reply from the manager stating the following: "We are concerned about the activities of your organisation and indeed, believe them to be incompatible with our stated principles. Consequently, we have taken the decision to close (your) account." Rather an odd contradiction here, wouldn't you say? Is their 'ethical policy' just one big publicity stunt after all? Write and ask them - and if you don't get a satisfactory answer, close your account.



International News

Australia

Eight captive dolphins and one newborn calf were released into the ocean off the coast of western Australia following the closure of the Atlantic Marine Park and a subsequent release programme (Animals International, Summer 92).

Brazil

The last remaining captive dolphin in Brazil is to be released into the wild through the "Into the Blue" project after the filing of a court application claiming the dolphin was being held in conditions that violated natural laws (Animals International, Spring 92).

Canada

Quebec has banned the hunting and trapping of bobcats and Vancouver City Council is drafting a bylaw banning the use of wild animals in circuses held within city limits (Animals Agenda, March 92). Two large corporations - the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and Petro Canada, have indicated they will no longer sponsor rodeo events and circuses with performing animals. The city of Toronto has passed a bylaw prohibiting the use of wildlife in circuses and aquaria (Animals International, Summer 92).

Estonia

The first vegan cafe in the Baltic states is to open in Tallin (Vegan Views, Spring 92).

France

The French government is planning to introduce, by the end of 1993, a new charter of ethics to control and limit animal experimentation (BUAV News, March 92). The total number of animal experiments every year in France has been reduced by well over one million between 1985 and 1990 (La Voix des Betes, March/April 92). Studies have been launched for the creation of the first marine national parks in France, in the Iroise coastal area of Brittany, where grey seals breed and 20% of French sea birds nest (Le Monde, 3/3/92). Ecologist parties won 13.9% of the votes in this year's French regional elections compared with just 2.4% in 1986 (Die Welt, 24/3/92). The La Borie dam project in the Languedoc region has been annulled by the Council of State, so preventing the flooding of a valley very important for wildlife (Le Monde, 27/3/92). France has banned the import of terrapins on animal welfare grounds (Telegraph, 31/3/92). The French Minister of the Environment is to introduce parliamentary bills to control genetic engineering, give

greater protection to national parks, eliminate pollution from waste disposal and prevent landscape destruction (Le Monde, 8/5/92).

Germany

The German government has provided about £70 million between 1990 and 1992 for cleaning up pollution in the Bitterfeld region, a heavily contaminated industrial area of former East Germany (Die Welt, 27/2/92). A court in Kassel has declared that universities in the state of Hesse must not force medical students to carry out dissection on animals killed for the purpose. The German Protestant Church has published a memorandum in which it condemns factory farming and hunting, and calls for a reduction in animal experiments and better conditions for animals in fur farms, zoos and circuses. A court in Mannheim has decided that a ban on angling in a nature reserve is permitted. Since 1989, 31 of the 72 furriers in Leipzig have closed down. In Munich there has been a big collapse in fur sales with figures the worst ever. The state of Rheinland-Pfalz has stopped the use of animal experiments for the diagnosis of psittacosis and rabies. The Philipps University in Marburg is no longer to use animal experiments in the training of pharmacologists and will make use of audio-visual methods and cell-culture instead (Recht fur Tiere, March 92). 75% of researchers in Germany are using alternatives to animal experimentation and 80% of German laboratories have stopped experimenting on animals (Die Welt, 20/3/92). An agreement to reduce by 70% contamination of the River Werra by potash mining has been reached by the German government, various states and the mining company, who will together fund water purification measures to the tune of about £50 million between 1992 and 1995. It is calculated that this will result in the recovery in the animal and plant populations of the rivers Werra and Weser within a few years (Die Welt, 31/3/92). The German government is to bring new regulations into force to control and reduce the use of pesticides in order to protect bees (Die Welt, 5/5/92). In Nordrhein-Westfalen keepers of pit bull terriers and other fighting breeds must in future produce a police certificate of good conduct and apply for a permit (Die Welt, 15/5/92).

Holland

In 1991 the Netherlands Society Against Vivisection increased its number of regional groups from 25 to 33 (Proefkonijn, March 92).



Hungary

The Hungarian Olympic Committee has officially requested that members of their national Olympic team should not attend any bullfight while in Spain for the Olympic Games (WSPA Bulletin, May 92).

Italy

To reduce the number of stray cats and dogs in Italian cities, the Public Health Department is to carry out sterilization of cats and dogs where the keepers of the animals so wish it (Die Welt, 11/3/92). Italians who fail to complete a census of furs or articles of protected species they own or to provide proof of purchase risk a fine of up to £200,000 or 3 months in prison. A new law names 38 protected species for which failure to provide information constitutes an offence (Telegraph, 1/6/92).

Japan

Japan has agreed to comply with the current UN moratorium on driftnetting. Half of the Japanese fishing fleet is to stop driftnetting by June 30, and the remainder by the end of 1992 (Animals Agenda, March 92). The Japan Anti-Vivisection Association now has 1,000 activists, and a No Fur Fund and Animal Rights Centre have also been started in Japan (Recht fur Tiere, March 92).

Philippines

To prevent 1,000 hectares of tropical rainforest being illegally cut down, the Philippine environment ministry has ordered the blowing up of a 5 kilometre stretch of road in the mountains of Nueva Ecija province, as this is the only road in that stretch of forest (Die Welt, 26/2/92).

South Korea

South Korea has agreed to obey a UN resolution calling for an end to driftnetting by 31st December 92 (Animals' Agenda, March 92).

Spain

Bulls which display exceptional bravery in the bullring will be saved from death under a proposed law expected to be approved by the Spanish parliament. The law, which could spare the lives of scores of animals, is part of a number of proposals aimed at stamping out malpractices in the gory spectacle (Times, 29/2/92). Spanish authorities are set to ban all foreign anglers from the River Ebro system in order to prevent litter and the death of many big catfish (Pisces, March 92). New animal protection laws

have now been passed by 6 Spanish local authorities (Animals International, Spring 92).

Switzerland

On 16th February, 43.7% of Swiss voters supported a referendum calling for an end to animal tests - a vast improvement on a similar poll taken in 1986 (BUAV News, February 92).

Taiwan

Taiwan has also agreed to stop driftnetting by the end of this year in line with the UN resolution (Animals Agenda, March 92).

USA

In Los Angeles, three people have been sent to prison for selling animals for vivisection after pretending to be offering good homes for them (ISAR Report, Spring 92). A district judge has ruled in Washington DC that the US Department of Agriculture must extend the Animal Welfare Act protection to mice, rats and birds used in research. Maine Fish and Wildlife Department has ceased stocking pheasants for hunters to kill after insufficient pheasant hunting permits were bought. The number of deer hunting permits sold in Tennessee fell from 197,661 in 1989 to barely 190,000 in 1990. The New Mexico Game Commission has approved a plan to reduce the number of hunters in the state by up to 24,000 over the next four years to let Mule Deer populations recover. Hudson has become the first town in New Hampshire to ban leghold trapping. Jindo and Fur Vault salons reported a 15% decline in fur sales for 1991 and the American Fur Industry Inc. has admitted that since 1987 the number of US retail furriers has fallen from 2,400 to 2,200, and wholesalers from 200 to 150. California and the US Fish and Wildlife Service have set up a \$1.2 million programme to save the coastal Sage Grub, a favourite habitat of endangered animals. According to a 1991 Gallup Youth Survey, 2 US teenagers in 3 say they support the animal rights movement. Kraft General Foods has closed its turkey slaughterhouse at Tulare, California, dismissing 1,400 workers, because of an anticipated decline in the demand for turkey. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has added the Louisiana Black Bear to the threatened species list in response to a lawsuit by wildlife defenders (Animals Agenda, March 92).



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TELETEXT NEWS

ITV Thu 27 Feb

Britons spend twice as much in hunting and fishing as going to the cinema and live entertainment arts, according to a report for the Standing Conference on Country Sports.

BBC1 Sun 15 Mar

A saboteur has been treated in hospital after he was allegedly beaten about the head with a stick by a group of men at a meeting of the Quorn Hunt in Nottinghamshire. Hunt organisers say their members were not responsible.

BBC1 Sun 22 Mar

The RSPCA has launched a campaign against bull-fighting in the run-up to the Barcelona Olympics. It will petition the Spanish government to end the bloodsport.

ITV Fri 27 Mar

A man is recovering in hospital after being hit repeatedly with an iron bar while attempting to disrupt a foxhunt, the Hunt Saboteurs Association said. Danny Attwood, 21, suffered serious leg injuries when he was attacked as protesters tried to halt the Cottesmore Hunt near Bourne, Lincs, it said. Mr Attwood, from Peterborough, is being treated at the city's district hospital. Police confirmed

that a saboteur had been hurt in clashes with hunt supporters and said an investigation was underway.

ITV Fri 3 Apr

About 30 animal rights protesters marched on Aintree racecourse in what they said was the first step in a bid to ban all National Hunt racing. The group marched just over a mile to the Grand National course in Liverpool behind two banners, Stop the Death Race, and Stop the Slaughter. They were escorted by police during the peaceful action and after arriving at the main entrance assembled in a car park opposite for a brief rally. March organiser Neil Lea said it was only a small-scale token demonstration.

ITV Fri 24 Apr

Anti-vivisection campaigners today call for worldwide protests to mark the World Day for Laboratory Animals. Organisers in Britain say tens of thousands of people are expected to observe a minute's silence at noon in protest at animal experiments. But medical researchers say the tests are necessary and claim campaigners are misleading the public.

ITV Fri 24 Apr

Corporate customers at the Co-Op Bank who are involved in bloodsports may be told to change their ways or close their accounts, says a newspaper report.

BBC1 Thu 30 Apr

The Animal Liberation Front has caused £20,000 damage after breaking into a dairy and damaging 50 vehicles. The Front said it was a protest against the veal trade.

BBC1 Mon 4 May

Two workers from the Quorn Hunt in Leicestershire are to face firearm charges after a video filmed secretly by an anti-bloodsports campaigner showed them breaking the conditions of their firearms licences.

BBC1 Thu 21 May

Three people have been questioned by police after a spate of fire-bomb attacks on animal-related premises in Scotland last year.

BBC1 Tue 16 Jun

Quorn Hunt workers Alan Betts and Christopher Doherty appeared before Loughborough magistrates on firearms charges brought by the League Against Cruel Sports. They deny the charges.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Just a small selection from the last few months

MARCH

● **ATTACKS** by the Animal Liberation Front put the Thames Valley third highest in the country for ALF-related crime. Ninety-three attacks were mounted against laboratories, butchers' shops and vehicles.

Protestors daub butcher's home

PROTESTORS opposed to a planning application from G. R. Evans and Co. to build a new slaughterhouse at Corwen, Clwyd, attacked the family home of butcher Brian Evans on Sunday night, daubing the front door and his Mercedes car with anti-abattoir slogans in white gloss paint.

"They slashed the tyres of the car and our Mitsubishi pick-up, scratched the paintwork and painted 'No Abattoir' on the house," said son Robert Evans, who discovered the damage early on Monday.

The family business has operated from a town centre location for over 50 years, slaughtering around 100 cattle, 600 lambs and 150 pigs a week for their own shop and for high street butchers in a 20 mile radius. But EC regulations and Glyndwr district council plans to develop Corwen, prompted an application for a new modern abattoir, on an edge of town business park.

MOLE KILLERS UNDER ATTACK Members of the Crews Hill Golf Club who tried to rid their greens of destructive moles by setting lethal traps have found the little furry creatures have an ally. Three feet high messages have been spray painted on to the greens telling them to 'Stop Killing Moles'.

The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the attack on the Enfield course where moles have caused thousands of pounds' worth of damage. The ALF has promised further attacks unless the trappings stop.

Crews Hill general manager Eric Hunt said: 'The message was obviously intended as a warning and it's one that we've taken very seriously. We have stopped using the traps and are looking into other ways of controlling our mole problem.'

Campaign against duck shooting intensifies

MELBOURNE: Animal liberationists in Victoria stepped up their campaign against duck-shooters by destroying hunters' hiding places and scaring birds away before last weekend's duck-season opening.

Head of Animal Liberation's anti-duck shooting campaign Laurie Levy says about 300 hunters' hideouts have been knocked down across Victoria's wetlands so far this year.

He says Animal Liberation will use a plane to scare waterbirds near Kerang in northern Victoria to safer sanctuaries.

Front's warning to butchers

The Animal Liberation Front warned today that it plans to drive Birmingham butchers out of business by a campaign of vandalism.

Extremist animal rights activists have targeted Birmingham for a mass campaign of window smashing throughout the summer.

An ALF spokesman today said the attacks were economic sabotage to drive butchers out of business.

Mr Graham Bidston, assistant director of the National Federation of Meat Traders, said: "Such suggestions of intimidation will not deter businesses from carrying out their legitimate trade."

A police spokesman said: "We take any threat like this very seriously."

"We would urge all members of the public, especially butchers, to be extra vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the police immediately."

Badger trap sabotage

THE Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for a break-in at Polwhele Veterinary Investigation Centre, near Truro, and damaging £390 worth of badger traps.

Police said the intruders cut through chain-link perimeter fencing between 5pm last Wednesday and 10am on Thursday.

Then they cut the wire mesh of 13 cages with bolt cutters.

Before the offence was discovered, police learned that BBC Radio Cornwall had received a call from a man claiming to be from the ALF, admitting responsibility.

Letter-bomb at Banbridge

POLICE have warned people connected with hunting clubs not to open unexpected or suspicious mail following the delivery of a letter-bomb to a hunting enthusiast in Banbridge on Monday.

The device, an incendiary bomb, was in a large brown envelope with a Belfast postmark. The incident is being linked to the Animal Liberation Front which has been conducting a campaign of violence in Northern Ireland.

Last October the ALF said that they had placed a firebomb under the car of a Co Down huntsman stating "this marks a step-up in our campaign".

APRIL

Acid attack on Old Town sealife spot

Becher's Brook is set on fire

BECHER'S BROOK — the best-known jump on the Grand National racecourse — was set on fire last night.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front had threatened to disrupt the three-day meeting at Aintree, but tight security foiled them.

Early today no one had claimed responsibility for setting fire to the fence.

Meanwhile, the Welsh jockey who won the Grand National at the weekend revealed his next ambition. "I would love to win the Grand National again," he said.

Pembrokeshire-born Carl Llewellyn, aged 26, whose family live at Hundleton, near Pembroke, was the toast of Wales when he won on the topically-named Party Politics.

"I wasn't that confident," he said. "There was one hairy moment at Becher's Brook when Brown Windsor fell and we had to side-step him."

His mother Jean said at the family's Dyfed farm last night, "We are thrilled to bits. He had a rocking horse when he was three or four and he's been riding since he was six or seven."

"He has always been ambitious and his hard work has finally paid off."

'We ruined Beecher's'

ANIMAL rights activists say they were responsible for an arson attack that destroyed Aintree's Beecher's Brook, the most formidable fence on the Grand National course. Robin Webb, Animal Liberation Front press officer, said the claim came in a telephone call to his home by a woman.

POLICE are hunting animal rights extremists who have vowed to continue attacks on butchers' shops in Plymouth.

The Animal Liberation Front — believed to be behind the fire-bombing of Dingles store in 1988 — has said it was to blame for smashing butchers' shop windows across Plymouth in attacks costing thousands of pounds.

The organisation has warned that more attacks could follow.

Angry city butchers today condemned the attacks and said they might have to resort to steel shutters to protect their windows at night.

ALF spokesman Robin Webb contacted a newspaper last night to say the direct action group had damaged 15 windows.

He said: "These 15 windows were broken to highlight the plight of the 650 million animals and birds that are sacrificed each year by the meat industry."

"I feel confident that there will be more attacks because the Animal Liberation Front actions will continue as long as cruelty to animals continues."

ANIMAL rights protesters attacked the Sea Life Centre with acid and paint over the Easter weekend.

Acid was thrown at about 20 windows and the letters ALF (Animal Liberation Front) daubed in red paint on paving stones overnight on Sunday.

Police believe the activists could be the same ones who targeted butchers and betting shops just over a week ago.

Sea Life assistant manager Carol Elliott said: "It apparently is Anti-Vivisection Week and we had a warning to say this may happen. They're out just to make as much publicity as possible."

She said all the windows needed replacing, but the attack did not affect Easter Monday trade.

She believed it was the first time the Rock-a-Nore Road centre, which opened in 1990, had been hit.

And she said: "We obviously try to keep our fish in as natural environment as possible. We're not cruel to them at all. If we were we would go out of business straight away."

Pellets

Inspector Dave Ellis, at Devonport police, said it was thought the damage might have been caused by air gun pellets fired at the windows.

Seven butchers in the Devonport area were attacked during Tuesday night, and two other shops in Crownhill Village and Eastlake Walk were also targeted.

Butcher Terry Wilkes's shop in Beaumont Street, Milehouse, was hit twice in the space of five days, landing him with a £1,000 bill.

"It is crazy," he said. "We are just trying to make a living. Everyone is entitled to rebel against whatever they want, but to go around damaging property like that will lose them whatever sympathy they may have had. It puts people's backs up."

Butchery chain Dewhurst has had five Plymouth shops damaged, each attacked twice over the past week.

At about £750 to replace the glass each time, the company faces a £7,000-plus glaziers' bill.

At the Albert Road Butchery, owner David Roe said: "I am bloody annoyed. It is all so senseless."

"I haven't contacted my insurance company yet, but it is costing £800 to replace the window."

APRIL

Leather shop brick attack

A MIDLAND leather goods shop was attacked today for the third time in less than eight months.

Animal Liberation Front (ALF) activists later claimed responsibility for the latest attack which caused £8,000 worth of damage to the windows at the World of Leather, Stafford Street, Wolverhampton.

In identical attacks last September and October, bricks were thrown through the plate glass display windows causing a total of £14,000 worth of damage.

The ALF also claimed responsibility for the two earlier attacks. Today, police were bracing themselves in the face of a possible major ALF campaign in Wolverhampton.

The latest attack comes a day after the ALF claimed responsibility for a fire-bomb attack on the Wolverhampton meat wholesalers Weddel Smith, of Hickman Avenue, East Park.



Smashed windows at the World of Leather store

Activists sabotage milk firm

ANIMAL RIGHTS activists caused £20,000 damage yesterday when they broke into a dairy and damaged 50 vehicles.

Tyres were slashed, windows and windscreens attacked by corrosive fluids and bodywork paint-sprayed with slogans.

The Animal Liberation Front later claimed responsibility for the early-morning raid on the Unigate Dairy at Parrys Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, where a security fence was cut.

In a statement the Front said the attack was intended as "economic sabotage" against the dairy industry.

"It is directly responsible for the veal trade, which condemns over 1,000 calves every day to a journey in horrific conditions to spend their short lives in European veal crates, a system outlawed in this country."

Avon and Somerset Police said inquiries were continuing. The raid meant late milk deliveries for 21,000 customers.

Search after meat depot is firebombed

Forensic experts were today examining firebombs to find clues to the identity of animal rights terrorists who attacked a Wolverhampton meat depot.

Four petrol bombs were planted at Weddel Swift in Hickman Avenue — just yards from where a council worker's family slept.

The cabs of delivery vans were damaged when two of the devices exploded.

Two similar devices which failed to ignite were found in lorries at the depot close to East Park, where dozens of youngsters were playing yesterday afternoon.

Alerted

Superintendent John Carter of Birmingham Road police today made an urgent appeal for witnesses.

Police were alerted after a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front rang the Express & Star to claim responsibility.

Mr Colin Maiden, caretaker at the council's wholesale market, lives in a bungalow with his wife and four young children, aged between two and eight, only yards from the depot.

He twice heard noises during the night near where the lorries were parked, but didn't see anything.

MAY

Dairy sabotaged

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● Animal rights extremists are believed responsible for attacks on commercial premises.

Eight shops were hit including Boots in Green Street, Upton Park, where hydrofluoric acid was used.

Butchers and fast food restaurants in East Ham and Manor Park had ALF, initials of the Animal Liberation Front, spray-painted on their windows and doors.

The Imperial Cancer Research Trust charity shop in High Street North was hit. Bill's fishing tackle shop in Manor Park had the locks glued.

MAY

SHOPS HIT BY ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

VANDAL ATTACK

ANIMAL RIGHTS supporters have hit Walthamstow High Street with a vengeance.

Shop doors were glued tight overnight, making them impossible to open the next morning, and slogans such as 'Meat is Murder' were plastered all over butchers' shop front windows.

The initials ALF - Animal Liberation Front - were also sprayed.

When traders of at least five premises arrived to open up shop on Saturday morning, they were unable to get in, so tightly were doors glued.

Locksmiths were called to cut away useless locks and replace them.

Painted

Bert Parsons, who runs a butcher's shop in the High Street, told the Guardian that his premises was among those vandalised.

"They couldn't do the lock so they threw a brick through the window instead," he said.

"They also painted the slogan 'Meat is Murder' across the window the night before with thick black paint.

"I don't go around forcing my point of view on that kind of person, so why should they do it to me?"

Mr Parsons said trade was as brisk as

By Val Weeks

usual the following day, although for obvious reasons he was unable to put meat back in the shop window.

"We had quite a lot of mess to clear up," he added.

Boots the chemist were also hit, with posters demanding the company be boycotted because of alleged cruelty to animals.

A spokeswoman for the company told the Guardian that the police were dealing with the incident.

"It caused a certain amount of inconvenience but nothing to stop us trading as usual," she said.

A police spokesman said part of the problem in detecting the crime was the noiselessness of most of it.

"A great deal of damage can be done quietly. After all, unless you've got breaking glass, what is there to hear? So far, no-one seems to have heard or seen anything - it just seems to have started up."

He added that the police would like to hear from anyone who has also been a victim of the vandalism attacks or who may be able to help in any other way.

Police probe bomb links

A FIRE bomb attack - similar to the one which destroyed eight lorries at Snelson's Rouncil Lane abattoir last November - struck a Wolverhampton meat factory on Monday.

The Animal Liberation Front have admitted they planted the petrol bombs which exploded in four lorries.

Now Warwickshire and West Midlands forces are collaborating in investigations to find links between the two incidents.

Animal rights raid costs £20,000

Animal rights activists caused £20,000 damage yesterday when they broke into a dairy and damaged 50 vehicles, slashing tyres and spraying corrosive fluids over bodywork.

The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the raid on the Unigate Dairy in Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Animal rights activists raid campus

ANIMAL rights activists who masterminded a night-time raid on Warwick University have vowed to return to free laboratory animals.

The Animal Liberation Front members broke in to reach cages they claim contained hundreds of mice and rats.

But the gang was stopped from freeing the animals in the biological sciences block early on Saturday when alarms sounded.

They ran off without being discovered but have warned university bosses - "we will be back".

The gang was also keen to obtain what they claimed would be "documentary evidence of animal experimentation."

It is believed the raiders had inside information about security and had kept the block under surveillance.

A Coventry police spokesman said it was the first incident of its kind at the university.

Responsibility for the raid was claimed by Robin Webb, ALF press officer.

He said Warwick had been targeted through a concern for the plight of laboratory animals.

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Butchers van damaged by acid

FURY OVER ATTACK ON SHOP



■ THE damaged van

Incendiary package found in store

A PACKAGE containing incendiary devices brought Leeds city centre to a standstill last night.

Police believe that the device, which was discovered in Marks and Spencer's store in Briggate, which sells meat and other food as well as clothes, may have been planted by the Animal Liberation Front.

The package was discovered in the store at 5.30pm, and the city's main shopping street was closed by the police from 5.30pm to 8pm.

The package was found in the basement furniture department. The two incendiary devices were discovered in the side of a settee and were the size of audio cassettes.

West Yorkshire police said that the package contained two incendiary devices, and appealed to key holders of other city centre shops to come back into the city last night to allow further searches.

Earlier, shops, restaurants and bars in the vicinity were deserted. Police asked Whitelock's First City Wine Bar, which is at the back of Marks and Spencer, to close.

Meanwhile, eight pumps attended a large fire in a city centre shop early this morning. The shop was Stop 'n Shop in York Street.

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists caused thousands of pounds worth of damage in an acid attack on a Sidley butchers' shop on Tuesday night.

Butcher Terence Burt arrived to open up his business at 6.15 on Wednesday morning to find both front windows smeared with a corrosive liquid.

In a rear loading area the firm's unmarked white Transit can had been singled out for attack. Corrosive liquid — thought to be paint-stripper — had been tipped over the windscreen and side windows, and the front and side body panels.

The liquid had been used to etch the A.L.F. initials on the driver's window.

Tyres had been slashed and the windscreen wiper arms bent double.

Mr Burt said: "We have been in business here for 11 years and we have never had an attack like this.

"We are insured of course but this will still cost us money. That van covers 150 miles every day on deliveries.

"But if they think this sort of thing will intimidate us they are wrong."

An empty can of paint-stripper was found in the nearby Sidley car park later.

'Insider' raid on police HQ

ANIMAL activists broke into police headquarters after being tipped off by an insider about inquiries which would jeopardise their campaign.

The Animal Liberation Front raided the Crime Squad office in Edinburgh and removed files about arson attacks on animal research centres in Lothian.

ALF spokesman Robin Webb said yesterday: "If activists were sent to jail they could not help alleviate animals' suffering."

Glue attacks

ANIMAL rights activists claim they glued up the locks to a string of butcher's shops.

An optician's in Headington, and two betting shops were also targeted, according to an Animal Liberation Front spokesman.

The ALF said it hit 11 butchers in Kidlington and Headington.

But only one of Kidlington's three butchers was affected.

Dave Bartlett said his High Street shop had been glued but that he had opened as usual.

He added: "If we get any more of this, I'll stake out the place and catch them."

The ALF said it had targeted the bookies "because they exploit horses" and the optician's because it used animal-tested products.

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ARKANGEL COMMENT

This is the part of the magazine where you can say what you want. We try to print everything we can - providing it is to do with Animal Liberation, and is not intended to further some other aim - political or otherwise. Articles are reproduced in full, and do not necessarily represent the views of the editors.

Remember - articles submitted on computer disk save us a lot of typing, but we welcome your thoughts in any form!

Image

by Badger

Image, is all the general public seem to be concerned with. What other reason would there be for their ceaseless appetite for gameshows full of happy middle-class people and colourful commercials proclaiming the goodness of the animal abusing multinational companies? Witness the success of burger chain adverts and the immorality of "We are lucky cows" from a well known butter commercial.

People do not want to see the truth behind the gloss that is modern life. The animal rights movement has to address the problem of image, if it is ever to succeed in bringing about animal liberation.

When people watch demonstrations on television, all they see are what they perceive to be hippies with nothing better to do. They see a scruffy mass who are inconsistent in their beliefs. I was at a demo recently and had the misfortune to be behind a group of students who were all patting themselves on the back for, as they saw it, saving the world. I then watched these same students once back at the rally tucking into their cheese and egg sandwiches. They were as much a part of the systematic abuse and torture of animals as the people who were calling them hippies.

Vegans in the movement need to lead by example and be intelligent, thoughtful and enthusiastic about what they say and how they put themselves across.

Why do so many people in the movement have to be so damn dull and depressing to talk to? Show people they can change if only they put their minds to it, be friendly and outgoing and people will warm to you and only then will they start to listen and see the person inside and not be blinded by their own bigotry.

I realise the subject matter of our cause is horrific and does depress the mind, but if we

convey only this image we will just switch people off. We need to educate others in the truth behind the mask of contented farm animals and show them the real life horror that is the vivisection laboratory.

Who do the public see as the intellectual "leaders" of the animal rights movement? Is it caring people who look after unwanted animals in sanctuaries or others who risk imprisonment in trying to liberate animals and damage the animal abuse industry? No I don't think it is, I think they believe the "leaders" who only come out of the woodwork now and again to condemn the latest act of sabotage committed by "misguided people who are damaging the movement", why do the public believe these people, it isn't because they have digested the facts and made a well informed judgement, the only thing that they have considered is the image being conveyed to them through the media., They see a nice cosy man or woman who is no threat to their immoral lifestyles.

To have any hope of reaching these people, we must change our method of presentation to one which they can relate to.



A Letter From Keith

by Keith Mann

You may have seen Keith's letter in that other great animal liberation magazine "Turning Point", but this is the original un-cut version - so read it again!

We are all often a little disgruntled at the way animal liberation people and groups operate; we're not professional enough, etc. This is probably the case. However, when we compare ourselves to the opposition and to other similar groupings, we are top dog. I'll explain.

Look at the police, they have the officers, they have infinite resources, they have the power to smash anyone getting in the way. They've gone all out to smash the ALF lately with intensive surveillance, phone tapping, house bugs, widespread raids and arrests; mailing lists have been stolen along with piles of other materials and equipment. People lucky enough to be bailed are having to live as internal exiles with all kinds of restrictive bail conditions - they even have to ask the courts for permission to leave their home county.

They're going to such extremes because it's become clear the ALF are a force to be reckoned with. In the last couple of years the ALF has claimed responsibility for closing down the Oxford University cat breeding colony at Nuneham Courtenay when they threatened total destruction of the building after rescuing every cat there; relaunching the Boots campaign after raiding their top security laboratory at Thurgarton (since, hundreds of Boots' windows have been smashed; closing down Sky Commercial Rabbits in West Yorkshire when they emptied the farm of rabbits and burnt it to the ground; destroying years of research on mice when they broke into the Royal London Hospital and took the biggest number of animals ever rescued from a British laboratory - this raid cost the researchers over £1.6 million; ending radiation experiments on pigs after releasing video and documentary evidence of the experiments at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford; destroying around 100 cattle trucks / meat lorries in less than 12 months causing no less than £5.5 million worth of damage and increasing security and insurance costs. Dozens of other vehicles have been similarly firebombed, including the Tropical Medicine Centre in Edinburgh where over £200,000 damage was caused. The "Working Terrier" offices in Wigan were totalled and Xenopus Biological Suppliers in Sussex were written off. In just over 12 months over 1,680 laboratory animals have been given freedom and no less than 1,900 other animals. And in the words of Karen Carpenter and several people with a burning desire to see an end to animal abuse, "It's

only just begun."

Despite the authorities' show of strength the activity continues unabated. Animal abusers are at a loss as to a way of beating the ALF, as they hopelessly attempt to defend their actions they either tie themselves in knots by telling the public it's necessary and not cruel, or bury their heads in the sand and pretend it's not happening. Instead of changing tactics - ie. improving animal welfare / ending animal abuse - they attempt to protect their property by spending vast amounts of money on security, which invariably fails to stop some very determined people.

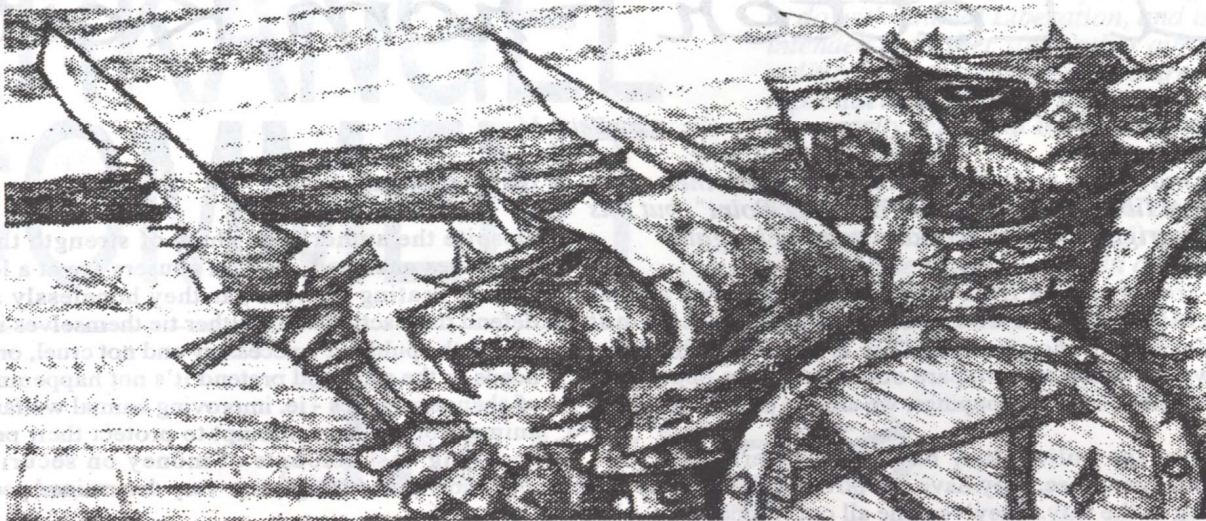
We also win hands down on prisoner support. Most people in prison tend to find out the hard way who their friends are. It's a different story for ALF prisoners. The amount of support I've been getting from my friends and people I don't know is heart-warming. Highlights of the day are mail call and visits. Without the support I get through these mediums I'd be much the same as other prisoners - largely non-existent. It's easy to forget or ignore people in prison, but be assured if you end up off the streets you won't be forgotten or on your own. I've got the best friends I could ever hope for and I'll get out of prison stronger and more determined because I know I've got a lot of people behind me and a movement I love. It's also been made very clear to me that there is a massive support for the ALF and that we are stronger and more determined and better organised than the opposition and we're capable of changing the world, and we're right!

Don't ever feel beaten or alone. There are many people with you always. We will, naturally, have set-backs - the killing of Mike Hill was a "set-back", but if anyone uses his death as anything other than a bloody good reason to do twice as much - we've failed him. The future is ours, let's take it.

I'll leave you with the words of an owner of a fleet of refrigerated meat lorries ("Reefer's"), firebombed by the ALF; "They daubed paint on the wagons and smashed a few windows and they'd put sugar in the tanks. But I never expected them to go to these lengths, never in a million years." They all expect it now, and they know perfectly well why.

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A COMMON CAUSE?

by "Oakhorse"

The arrival of Arkangel 7 was more than welcome and eagerly awaited. In my view there is no other which firstly provides the same inspiration through information and news, and secondly is so instrumental in promoting unity within our movement. Unfortunately, in my experience it is the second of these requirements which is still in need of attention.

Who would deny that the struggle we are part of is frustrating? While I write this, while you read it, animals are terrorised in labs, they are now screaming wildly as they await death on abattoir conveyor belts, they are losing their habitat and safety in the wild, etc. We all want desperately to stop this. Tomorrow is too late, yet we also realise that being unrealistic in our aims is going to deny us the chance of progress. It tears me apart, it tears each of us into despair at times.

Our movement has a variety of beliefs, attitudes and aspirations, and to an extent we must follow those that are our own. But the whole is greater than the sum of the parts - sometimes we have to work together. It is then we have to sacrifice some of our own feelings for the good of the cause. So many times recently I have seen minor disagreements, and even personal dislike affect and undermine the success of pro-animal groups and actions. I think we should all - and that means all - ask ourselves some questions. Ask yourself why you are involved in animal rights. Is your involvement influenced by friends or an image you want to project? Are your feelings and commitment strong enough to mean you're prepared to make concessions on your own satisfaction or enjoyment

if it's for the good of the cause? Are you prepared to work with your most hated enemy on a pro-animal promotion, demo, hunt sab, ALF action, etc. as long as doing so is going to help an animal? Or are your own social, egotistical or other personal goals more important to you? These are points we all need to think deeply on, the disruption I have seen due to disunity is horrendous for the animals - and what I've seen cannot be more than the tip of the iceberg. Unnecessary personal bickering has driven people from our movement, and discouraged people from doing more. It undermines what is being done, and is an enormous diversion of energy and resources. These effects are real - I've seen them.

I can honestly say that many of the most wonderful and stimulating people I have met, I met through animal rights, as are most of my best loved and valued friends. But differences are inevitable and must be accommodated. Anyone who is capable of maintaining a modicum of sanity in this world where a holocaust is continually unleashed on animals has no excuse for being unable to deal with the stress of doing something about it.

Many of us make sacrifices for the cause, so is foregoing a little personal gratification in return for a stronger movement too much to ask for? The problem of animal abuse is too important for disagreements to inhibit us, the suffering is forever with us. We are suffering with them. When your commitment to the animals is genuine it is not difficult to rise above personality clashes. I question the motivation and aims of those who find difficulty in this.

The animal abusers are organised. We are going to get much further if we can work on common ground, not merely give vent to the frustration in our hearts.

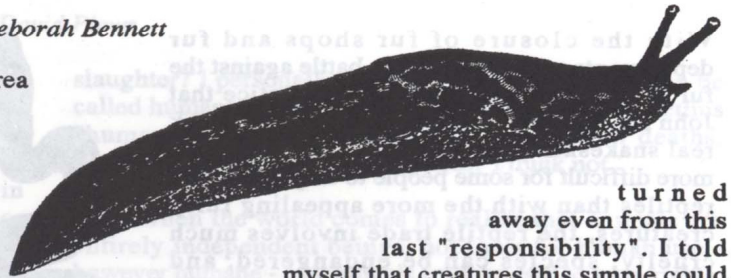
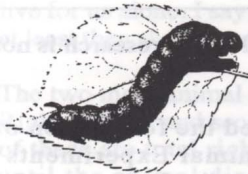
(We did edit this letter, but only to reduce repetition, not content!)

A Small Betrayal?

by Deborah Bennett

The problem with having a tiny, shady garden in an area highly populated with cats, dogs and people alike is that the birds are reluctant to land on any but the most accessible and leafy points, and if they do that they soon clear off again when a "potential enemy" is moving around. Because of this, the various mini-animals in the garden multiply unnaturally into such huge numbers that plants edible to slugs, snails and greenfly are doomed to a lace-like, shrivelled, then extinguished existence.

Many years ago, before I realised a vegan was anything other than a fibber, I had "in desperation" bought a tube of slug pellets to strew in my damp, stony, snailly and sluggy garden. But the next morning I realised the significance of my guilty act. All around the garden, on the path and paving-stones, writhed and squirmed hundreds of agonised slugs and snails. I never imagined such numbers even existed in this tiny garden. Now each former muncher-of-plants tortuously seethed or thrashed out its last betrayed hours of life. Some had huge bubbles coming from their orifices, others feebly lolled out of their shells, barely moving. I had imagined, if anything, that they would be instantly unconscious, then compost, after eating the efficient-looking pellets - how efficient our brains are of self-deceit! Nothing could save these creatures the pain of their dying moments except for a few hard bashes with a boulder or hammer. But, such was my guilt and self-revulsion at the massacre-field before me, that I



turned away even from this last "responsibility". I told myself that creatures this simple could surely feel no pain.

Even now, I go white at the words "slug pellets". Slugs and snails abound in the garden. If I was less lazy, I would pick up the visible ones daily, and take them in a bucket to a quiet common or patch of wasteland. Instead, I pick up pockets of them and put them on hardier or less-favoured plants than the slugs' (and my) favourites - pansies! Often I put slugs and snails on a shady wall where there is a greater hope of birds calling after I have gone.

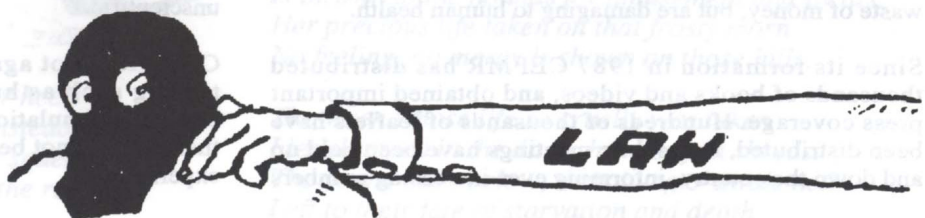
Another naughty trick is to tip out slugs and snails on the border between my garden and my non-gardening neighbour's, which is lushly overgrown with sumptuous weeds, so there's a 50-50 chance my slimy friends will end up there, no loss to my neighbour, the slugs or the birds. And I am learning to appreciate slugs and snails as individual creatures. When moving one large snail from a pansy plant to a hardier species it deliberately turned its head around and curiously extended all four "feelers". I had a distinct feeling I was being thoroughly scrutinised - by an individual, responsive, conscious animal.

Autumn Flurries?

by Martin Masterman-Lister

I heard today from a totally reliable person that New Scotland Yard's Bomb Squad is touring the pharmaceutical companies of Britain, giving them advice on security against bombs, and ALF activist's actions.

This friend was party to a meeting at which a member of the Yard's Bomb Squad gave a talk to a pharmaceutical company's personnel on how to spot suspicious packaging, what to do with them, who to inform about suspicious packages, etc.



At this talk, the second one this year at this company, the name Ronnie Lee was mentioned, saying that he would be released around November. The officer warned the company's personnel that the police are expecting a flurry of activity in the weeks following Ronnie's release from prison, "...so crimes will escalate!"

The officer also implied that the new Chair of the Vegan Society, Louise Wallace, was "...causing bombs..." by having formerly taken a job at SmithKline Beecham and reporting information gained from her job there.

SnakeSkin

by Myrna R Forrester

With the closure of fur shops and fur departments within stores, the battle against the fur trade appears to be won, but I notice that John Lewis stores (and no doubt others) stock real snakeskin products. Although it may be more difficult for some people to empathise with reptiles than with the more appealing furry creatures, the reptile trade involves much cruelty, species can be endangered, and ecological balances upset.

John Lewis claim that the snakes used in their products are farmed and are not taken from the wild, but the Reptile Protection Trust know of no true snake "farms", that is, totally self-sufficient, closed-cycle systems. Some snakes are ranched, where captive breeding is supplemented from wild sources - but the trade in snakes relies heavily on wild-caught animals.

John Lewis say that the snakes are humanely killed by electrocution. Beauty Without Cruelty, the Reptile Protection Trust, and the University Foundation for Animal Welfare all agree that electrocution is not a humane way to kill snakes (or any species of reptile). In fact, there is no



sure way to kill snakes painlessly.

John Lewis have stated in a letter to me that they will not buy snakeskin products in future unless they are satisfied that "the product does not come from an endangered species and that the method of killing is entirely acceptable."

Will readers please help to convince them that the reptile trade endangers species and upsets the ecological balance of their habitats and, even more importantly, that there is NO SURE WAY OF KILLING SNAKES HUMANELY by writing a polite letter of appeal to, Mr P T Lewis, Chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 171 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5NN.

State your abhorrence at the sale of any goods, in particular reptile products, which have involved cruelty in their production. Point out that there are humane alternatives - synthetic leathers which can also be produced with a "reptile" finish. Ask them to remove their reptile skin products from stock immediately. I believe that enough polite letters of appeal could help persuade them to do so.

CEFMR

Len Arrowsmith

The Campaign to End Fraudulent Medical Research (CEFMR) is dedicated to bringing about the total, immediate abolition of vivisection, on the grounds that animal-based research is unscientific and that its consequent misleading results are harmful to human health. Animal experiments are a scientific fraud because the results can never be extrapolated to human beings. The simple fact is that animals are not like us, their bodies are different, they suffer from different diseases, and a disease induced artificially in a laboratory is never the same as the disease that arises spontaneously in the human body.

It is essential to destroy the myth that animal experiments save human lives. There is undeniable evidence that animal experiments are not only useless and a criminal waste of money, but are damaging to human health.

Since its formation in 1987 CEFMR has distributed thousands of books and videos, and obtained important press coverage. Hundreds of thousands of leaflets have been distributed, and public meetings have been held up and down the country, informing ever-increasing numbers

of people about the fact that animal-based research is not science.

In March 1990, CEFMR initiated the foundation of "Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments" (DBAE), which is the first society in this country of Doctors, Pharmacists, Medical Scientists and Veterinarians to call for the total, immediate abolition of animal experiments on medical and scientific grounds. DBAE received extensive radio, television and press coverage.

"Alternatives" to Animal "Research"

CEFMR believes that the promotion of "alternatives" as replacements to animal experiments is misleading because it implies that vivisection is useful and therefore worth replacing. It also suggests that vivisection can only be abolished when sufficient replacements have been found. Animal experiments are NOT science and must be abolished. Genuine scientific research is totally different and cannot be compared to animal experiments, which are unscientific.

CEFMR is not against true methods of research and testing such as human cell and tissue culture, and computer simulations of human physiology, but believe these should not be considered as even similar to animal experiments.

NOT CONVINCED!

by David Plews

I felt compelled to write to you at Arkangel in response to a letter in issue 7 by Mrs V A Vince.

I agree with the majority of her comments, but one point in particular is very worrying to me. Mrs Vince says that in an ideal world, the population would become vegetarian or vegan. Fine so far! However, she then goes on to say that animals like cows could be kept for their milk alone, sheep for their fleece, pigs and horses for their dung, chickens, ducks and geese for their eggs, and so on. She states that these animals could be put down "humanely" on site when their days of useful and natural productivity come to an end.

I find this idea horrifying. As a vegan, I look forward to a world where people don't use animal products. Her idea of an ideal world is very different from mine.

People do not need any of the aforementioned products, and I find it disturbing to hear a fellow animal rights supporter talking about animals being kept for human benefit. This can never be justified. The idea of putting them down humanely on site is disgusting to me. Why should they be put down at all?

Mrs Vince quotes a poem which says that animals don't live for us alone. I say that they don't live for us at all! (Or at least they should not have to.)

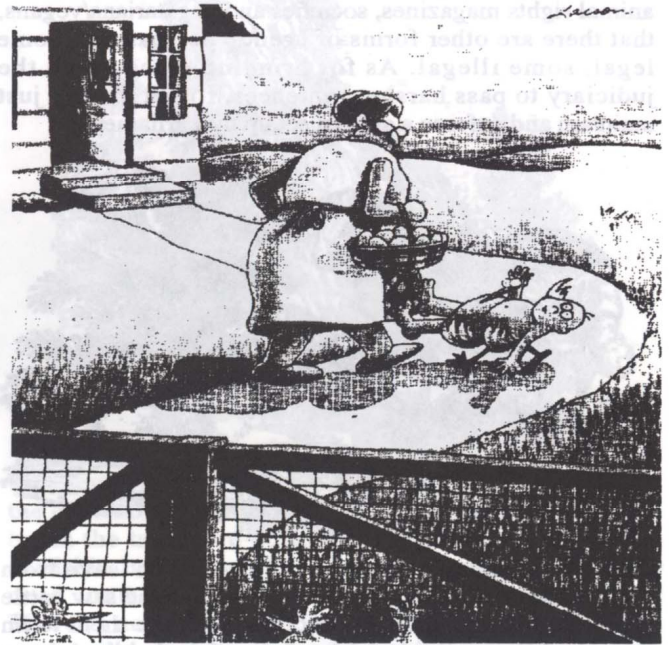
The two main animal rights, in my view, are; firstly, The Right to Life, and secondly, The Right to Freedom. Both of these are total rights. That is, the right to life means until the animal dies of natural causes. The right to freedom means total freedom - freedom from ownership!

No world which failed to promote these basic animal rights could be called "ideal". What right does a human being have to end the life of any other being, no matter how well it has been treated, or how humane the

slaughter? I personally do not think any slaughter can be called humane. If Hitler had killed the Holocaust victims "humanely", or treated them well before their deaths, would his crimes have been any less? I think not.

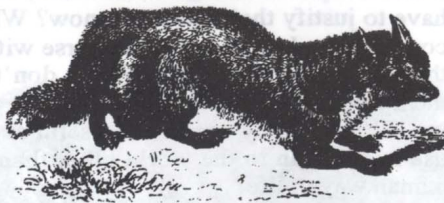
Only when the world comes to realise that animals are entirely independent beings, not tools for human use - however humane - can animals truly be said to have rights. I think that to talk about welfare suggests that we are superior to animals, and that they need us to look after them. This is not so.

Mrs Vince quotes Jack Richards as saying that we should renounce, amongst other things, greed and selfishness. She is right, for only then will the struggle be over.



Hounded to Death

by
Emily
Lynch



Valient she'd run, the hounds on her heels
Exhausted, retreating her legs so unsteady
Returned to her cubs to muffle their squeals
Guarding her earth, teeth bared at the ready.

Thugs with their spades and crow-bars surrounding
Enter their terriers to do all their worst.
The terrified vixen her swollen heart pounding
Is pulled from her young by those so accursed.

Her shuddering body all bleeding and torn
Is thrown to the hounds for amusement and thrills.
Her precious life taken on that frosty morn
No feeling, no mercy is shown on those hills.

The vixen whose life so cruelly was taken
Lies slumped in the ditch, her body in shreds.
The young cubs below, their hunger awakened
Left to their fate of starvation and death.

Not ConVincEd (Too?)

by Martin Masterman-Lister

It is wonderful to see Arkangel back in print again. Thanks to all the contributors to No. 7. As an animal rights supporter and a long time vegan, I feel it necessary to reply to some of the statements made by Mrs V A Vince in her article headed "Animal Rights".

Whilst I agree that having "Joe Public" on our side is of great importance, it is not the sole goal of our actions. Many actions and events have taken place, and will take place in the future, which "Joe Public" has been, and will be outraged by, but which have brought us further forward - nearer to our goal of eradicating animal exploitation. Whilst I agree that "Joe Public" writing en masse to Members of Parliament will fill the post bags with voters' views and may sway MPs' voting on current issues, I don't believe it is the only way to end exploitation. I feel, as others evidently do as shown by the rising number of animal rights magazines, societies and vegetarians/vegans, that there are other forms of "gentle persuasion", some legal, some illegal. As for bringing pressure on the judiciary to pass harsher sentences, forget it, they just maintain and enforce a system set up by Parliament.



I discovered animal rights in 1982 when, on leave from work, I happened to turn the television on and saw cattle being loaded into a lorry which was to take them to an abattoir. I knew, don't ask me how, that they had some idea of their fate. I could see in their faces that they knew they were going to die. At that time I was a meat-eating, milk-drinking, leather-wearing omnivore who poked fun at veggies. That afternoon I became a vegetarian, albeit a lax one. Over the years that followed, I discovered that just giving up the flesh of an animal was not the summit as far as animal rights, in my case, were concerned. I had to move further than lacto-vegetarianism.

Gradually, with increasing confidence and knowledge, I did give up animal exploitation products. Notable in this transition was the Mars Bar scare; yes, at the time, I ate Mars Bars too. Without the scare, I doubt that my transition would have been as fast, if as far, as it ended up becoming. Try arguing with omnivores that the Mars Bar scare was a worthwhile strategy whilst eating a milk chocolate bar! You won't get far.

Mrs Vince goes on to state that 'the "one crumb of comfort" comes with knowing that however painful and traumatic the lead-up to death and death itself is; with death comes peace, and in itself, a blessing.' Well, I've heard some ridiculous statements in my time but this one is a classic, especially coming from a supporter of animal rights. Has Mrs Vince considered what she has written?

To make my point, imagine you are an animal in an abattoir or a vivisection laboratory. You are suffering intolerable, chronic, unnecessary pain. You are well aware of your fate, and although the pain is chronic, you remember what Mrs Vince has told you in her article, "that however painful and traumatic the lead-up to death and death itself is; with death comes peace, and in itself, a blessing." "Oh great," you'd no doubt think, "I'll be dead soon, and then it will be no more chronic pain, just death, and with death comes peace. Oh great! It is nice to know that, I'm glad I read Arkangel 7."

Non-human animals are different to we human animals. I don't have any pets, neither do I want any. As for livestock becoming "loving and loyal as pets known to domesticity...", I neither want nor hope that livestock become pets. Livestock is live stock - living commodity - and I don't want any stock or goods in the form of animals. In my ideal utopian world, non-human animals are free from trade just as we human animals are free, because when we are not free, we are slaves or commodities. I would never keep cows for their milk alone, just as I would never keep cows for their ability to keep the grass short. Cows' milk is for calves, not for humans. It was never intended for humans and never will be. The same goes for sheep, pigs, chickens. Through selective breeding, these animals have been chosen for their ability to produce certain commodities for ostensibly human uses. Sheep with tightly-packed wool fleeces are bred for their fleece, just as cows are bred and chosen for their ability to produce milk in ever larger quantities.

How can Mrs Vince write that, "In the ideal world ... other animals with no apparent use in the commercial sense, would have no need whatsoever to justify their Earthly existence other than to add variety and interest to life." I know we don't live in an ideal world, but why should they have to justify their existence now? When I'm out in the countryside, I don't try to converse with animals and get them to justify themselves. They don't have to, I accept them for what they are. Why should they have no apparent use? Why do they need to be useful at all to exist? What use is a human to the world other than in sustaining the human way of life?

Finally, I'm an atheist, so giving religious quotations does nothing for me. Has Mrs Vince ever considered the churches' huge role in animal suffering?

THE NATIONAL NEUTERING AND SPAYING SCHEME

by Bev Cowley

This year, the RSPCA will destroy in excess of 73,000 unwanted dogs and cats. For many, this untimely end will be the final chapter in a life of misery. With the incidence of mistreatment, cruelty and neglect so widespread, the solution does not lie in "mopping up" after society's indifference. The solution lies in the elimination of the circumstances which bring about the suffering. This can only be achieved by the dramatic reduction in the number of animals born.

Domestic animals are our creation. We destroyed the natural habitat of the wolf; hunted it to near extinction and bred it down to a biddable dependant, capable of just about surviving our urbanisation of its environment. Wolves have been forced to trade complex social and family groupings, freedom and wide horizons to become dogs. The majority of dogs exist in cities, in flats, in isolation. Basic instincts are suppressed, expression of natural behaviour chastised as dirty or bad, and these we consider the lucky ones. For many more, a short-lived entertainment becomes a hindrance and they are cast out onto the streets to run the gauntlet of abuse, starvation and injury.

Cats evolved to hunt. Their physiology and nature made them expert predators, until humans - fascinated by their unfettered disposition - stepped in to tame and then denature them. Stripping away the qualities they displayed that we as humans lacked, we sought to subdue that which we envied. So cats were bred, not to fend for themselves, but to be grateful for offerings of the processed bodies of animals we see fit to give them.

Society cannot be relied upon to regulate its treatment of animals. The odds are stacked so heavily against dogs and cats receiving a reasonable life, that the only solution lies in prevention. This involves the rapid deceleration in the number of animals being born. Prompted by this belief, the National Neutering and Spaying Scheme was formed.

The scheme has broadly three aims; firstly to generate funds for the neutering and spaying of all abandoned animals prior to rehoming, then to develop the scheme to provide a cheap or free neutering service open to all -

nationwide. Secondly, to establish a network of "rehomers" so as to increase the possibility of resettling unwanted animals in suitable homes. And thirdly, to promote a better understanding of animals, their needs and our obligations to them.

The organisation is new; its task is immense, but the prospect of success makes it a challenge worth facing. It involves no paid staff as funds will be quickly swallowed up by neutering and spaying programmes.



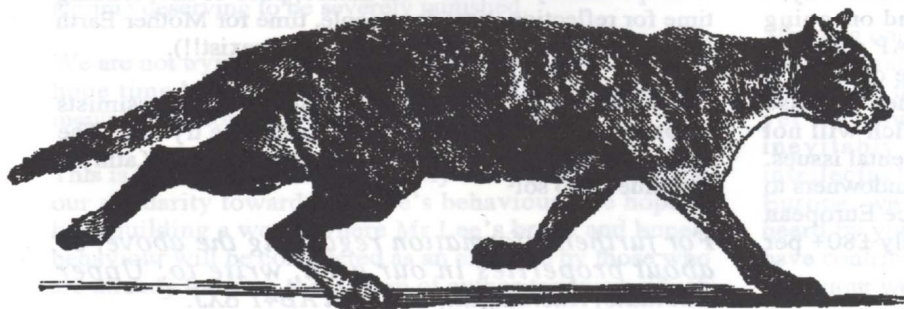
We require committed people and groups to help us raise the enormous funds required, to campaign with us and begin the task of re-educating the public. Leaflets are available, but please send a donation to cover the cost. We need contacts for our network, information and help. There is no glory or excitement in this campaign, and goals will be achieved slowly, but it does, if successful, offer the prospect of a society without figures for reported cruelty of 86,000 per year and the annual destruction of 73,000+ healthy animals.

For more information contact:

**NNSS, PO Box 170, Northampton,
NN2 8AB.**

*Donations can either be sent to the
above address, or paid directly
through any bank to;*

**A/c National Neutering and Spaying
Scheme,
A/c No. 50654094,
Sort Code 20-61-51.**



Farm for Animal Rights

by Peter Gillard

Just the title is enough to send vibrations of anger through the body, I can imagine the "hands thrown up to the face in horror" at the mere suggestion, after all, isn't it one of the main areas of abuse? Well, yes, - and no, I am not about to embark upon a long, drawn-out explanation differentiating between farmers that grow cereals and other crops, and farmers that use animals. (Just for the record, very few farmers do not have a link with animals anyway, either directly or indirectly, since even food intended for human consumption will be sold as animal feed if it fails to reach the required standard.)

No, what I am talking about is ostensibly being a farmer. That is, to look into the possibility of purchasing a registered farm, solely or jointly, as in a cooperative arrangement, and gleaning the benefits that are available in terms of grants, subsidies and income.

Still confused? Let me explain. Farmers for years have at the expense of the tax-payers been getting - and are still receiving - money hand over fist. What I am suggesting is the potential to actually have an effect on animal abuse, and to get paid for it!! The purists amongst you will no doubt consider that to actually take part in a clearly immoral system would be to condone such practices. My response to that is - there is enough money poured into the coffers of animal abusers, farmers, vivisectioners, chemical and drug companies to name but a few, so that if it is possible to direct some funding, however small, into the hands of people who care about animal, human and environmental issues, it can only be for the greater good.

Space and time prevent me from exploring the politics and ethics of my reasoning in greater detail, so in brevity, I will concede that the idea may not appeal to all, and I would further concede that perhaps my ideas might have no major impact on the problem. I will however stress the importance that we should at least consider the idea, as another way of helping the cause.

The basic idea is to purchase a farm. The farm can still generate income, but in a totally compassionate way. I would draw your attention to the recent and on-going negotiations within the EC, namely, the CAP reforms, linked to the Macsharry report. The purpose of these is designed to safe-guard farmers' incomes. There are also areas that can attract financial benefits which will not compromise your stance on animal/environmental issues. Namely a policy of "set-aside" to encourage landowners to refrain from cropping and to hopefully reduce European food mountains. A payment of approximately £80+ per acre is currently being paid.



Then there is what is called the "Farm Woodland Premium Scheme". This is designed to make Britain more self-sufficient in wood production, to enhance the countryside visually, and to encourage landowners to reduce food production. Grants to compensate for the cost of planting, aftercare, etc., plus an income of up to 15 years are on offer. Grants and income vary depending on the acreage planted and species of trees, but, in the best scenario, one can realise around £1100 per acre grant (one-off payment), and an annual income for 15 years of approximately £120 per acre. Not exactly the fortunes farmers are making (despite their tiresome claims of poverty - does anybody know a poor farmer?), but a potential income that one can consider to be cruelty-free.

This of course is just for starters as income can be derived from many ideas - the most obvious being from veganic/organic produce, where demand outstrips availability at the moment.

I am writing this to excite people into looking at alternative ways to help the cause, not as a replacement to what they do now, but as a way of living. I will list the possible benefits of such a project - no doubt they can be added to depending on one's convictions and depth of spirituality.

A unit (farm) taken out of the system of animal abuse would have a favourable impact on the environment. If trees are planted, ponds or wetlands established, pesticides and herbicides not used (grant-aided), it would obviously protect and attract wildlife. Hunting and fishing cannot take place on your land. There would be educational opportunities to show that there is an alternative way to use land. Self-sufficiency; income from the land, growing your own produce, pursuance of alternative energy sources - the list is endless in this category.

I know full well that many have tried and succeeded in establishing similar projects as cooperatives. This article is purely intended to highlight what is available in terms of grants, etc. and to excite people into action if they have ever considered this kind of lifestyle, or were seeking possible alternative (and ethical) incomes.

The atmosphere that can be created in such an environment can also be conducive to expanding one's own spirituality - at one with nature, pace of life, lending time for reflection, time for people, time for Mother Earth (please read Father if you feel this to be sexist!!).

I hear even as I type, the united voices of the pessimists among you, "If it's so good, why doesn't he try it??" The answer, my friends, is I have, and with my wife Kathryn, continue to do so!

For further information regarding the above, or about properties in our area, write to: Upper Kinnadie, Auchnagatt, Nr Ellon AB41 8XJ.

A Letter to the Home Secretary

Asociacion para la Defensa de la Etica

This is a copy of a letter from a Spanish group. We reproduce it exactly and ask you to make allowance for the shaky English!

We are sure you have confirmed once more, since 1986, that millions of people in the world thoroughly resent the fact that Mr Ronnie Lee, press officer of "Animal Liberation", remains in jail in England, officially considered as an outlaw by the Court which judged him and sentenced him to spend ten years in prison in those days.



Mr Lee's crime, from the point of view of that court, was struggling on behalf of animals who were victims of human cruelty; innocent sentient beings who had been condemned to endure torture till their death by honest and respectable British citizens who may still think being an animal is some kind of crime of inferiority in itself, deserving to be punished by a superior race.

This is the reason why Mr Ronnie Lee is still in jail, which means his compassion also was and still is supposed to be a crime deserving to be severely punished.

We are not trying to be ironical about these facts. We only hope time has been working on behalf of everybody's mental evolution, including British justice's.

This is not the first time we openly and publicly proclaim our solidarity towards Mr Lee's behaviour. We hope to help building a world where Mr Lee's brave and honest behaviour will be considered as an example by those who are already learning that a form of authoritarianism which

includes manufacturing terror and suffering will never lead the world to become a true civilization, but to self-destruction.

Please bear in mind, dear sir, that we belong to a country which is the only one in Europe where cruelty against animals is not considered as a crime in its penal code, and please be absolutely sure that the majority of Spaniards is not proud of having to admit that being a citizen of "animals' hell" includes having to admit also a shameful lack of culture which cannot be justified by one single word of excuse in the present world.

Bearing in mind also that up to now, and for more than a century, England has been leading the way regarding a legislation which protects animals from cruelty and torture, we would be pleased to learn that his case has been reviewed in order to grant him parole and give him the opportunity of proving that, not only morally but intellectually, he deserves living, thinking and working out of a type of cages which by all means has not been conceived to lodge the kindness, vision and generosity of men who respect themselves enough to struggle on behalf of the enlightening power of Justice.

If he is supposed to understand why he had to endure such an experience, we are sure that the duty of English jurisprudence is to understand that while time marches on, human mind advances, not only historically but socially and scientifically, discovering today what were its limitations yesterday. It has taken the spirit of Darwin more than one hundred and fifty years to prove, through micro-biology, that he never invented a theory but that he was the first one in his days who managed to read in life like others read in a book.

May this example serve to become aware that the anti-slavery attitude of Ronnie Lee has not merely been inspired by the suffering of animals, but by a universal concept of Justice that no intellectual mistake will ever be able to discredit or deny again. Because this is today already an indisputable fact, supported by all the most serious humane institutions and organisations in the world, and because England can be proud again of being the cradle of a civilized initiative, we sincerely trust Ronnie Lee will be granted the privilege he so much deserves.

Standing on the defence of ethics as we do, and our efforts being what they are in a country which officially recognises them in spite of the fact that it hasn't applied yet its results to an educational programme which inevitably will have to be modified to match the intellectual demands of the unified cultural level of Europe, we would consider it an honour to have been heard by you in this particular circumstance and thus to have contributed to support a British citizen whose ethical behaviour we respect and admire.

Fight Back Against McDonald's

by "London Greenpeace"

Seven years ago London Greenpeace initiated a campaign against the giant multinational McDonald's. The campaign exposed McDonald's profiteering from the destruction of the environment, wastefulness, exploitation of workers and consumers, murder of animals and the peddling of unhealthy food. A factsheet - "What's wrong with McDonald's? Everything they don't want you to know" - was written detailing these practices.

The response to this campaign has been amazing, thousands of people around the world are now involved, and a World Day of Action Against McDonald's is held every 16th October, the United Nations' "World Food Day".

McDonald's are worried about this widespread opposition and have threatened legal action against a number of groups and individuals - many of whom have apologised in order to avoid bankruptcy, as it is extremely expensive to fight a libel case.



'Well, that explains the bag!'

In 1989, McDonald's began paying spies to infiltrate meetings and events of London Greenpeace, and to follow people home. In 1990, they issued writs against some of the people that had been at those meetings or events. The writs alleged that McDeath had been libelled in the factsheet produced by London Greenpeace, and demanded apologies.

The case has dragged on slowly since the writs were issued, probably in an attempt by McDonald's to wear down and intimidate the two remaining defendants. However, the two have made it clear that they intend to fight the case and will not give in to McDonald's threats, and the case is expected to be heard in early 1993. Legal Aid is not available for libel cases so donations towards defence legal costs will be gratefully received at the address below. More important is to show McDonald's they cannot silence the campaign with threats, and to step up protests against them. Picket your local McDonald's regularly, and in particular organise a picket on 16th October as part of the World Day of Action Against McDonald's. If you live in London come along to a picket of McDonald's Head Office on that day, from 4.30 - 6.30pm, at High Road, N2, next to East Finchley Underground Station.

More info from;
McLibel Support Campaign,
c/o London Greenpeace,
5 Caledonian Road, London N1.

SNAFU"

by Bruce Beattie



"He started a chain of burger joints,
your honor!"

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Vegan Footwear from Alchuringa

Readers might be interested to know about a women's co-operative shoe company that makes totally vegan, non-frumpy and made to measure footwear by mail order.

Alchuringa operates from a small, unpretentious stable block tucked away in the heart of Wales. They offer a wide range of handmade shoes, boots and sandals for both men and women - 40 designs to be exact. Plus a small selection of bags and a couple of designs for children.

There are a variety of colours: black, tan, dark brown, poppy red, dark blue and dark green. The material used boasts all the qualities of leather, ie. weatherproof, durable, light, and it breathes - only it hasn't come from the backs of murdered animals. All footwear is fully lined, and the sole is made from a non-slip crepe material that is repairable. There is a choice of three toe shapes, including

the natural curved toe shape.

Orders take approximately 30 days to complete and the staff are friendly, helpful and accommodating - they cater for awkward feet and will re-do orders if you are not entirely happy with the outcome.

Considering all of the work that goes into the footwear and the immense choice, the prices are very reasonable - plus they offer a repairs service.

It all sounds too good to be true doesn't it? Well, send an SAE for a full illustrated catalogue and see for yourself...

Contact: Alchuringa, Unit 2, Stable Cottage, Derry Ormond Park, Betws Bledrws, Lampeter, Dyfed SA48 8PA. Tel: 0570 45557

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Devon
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*Vivienne Smith TT2743
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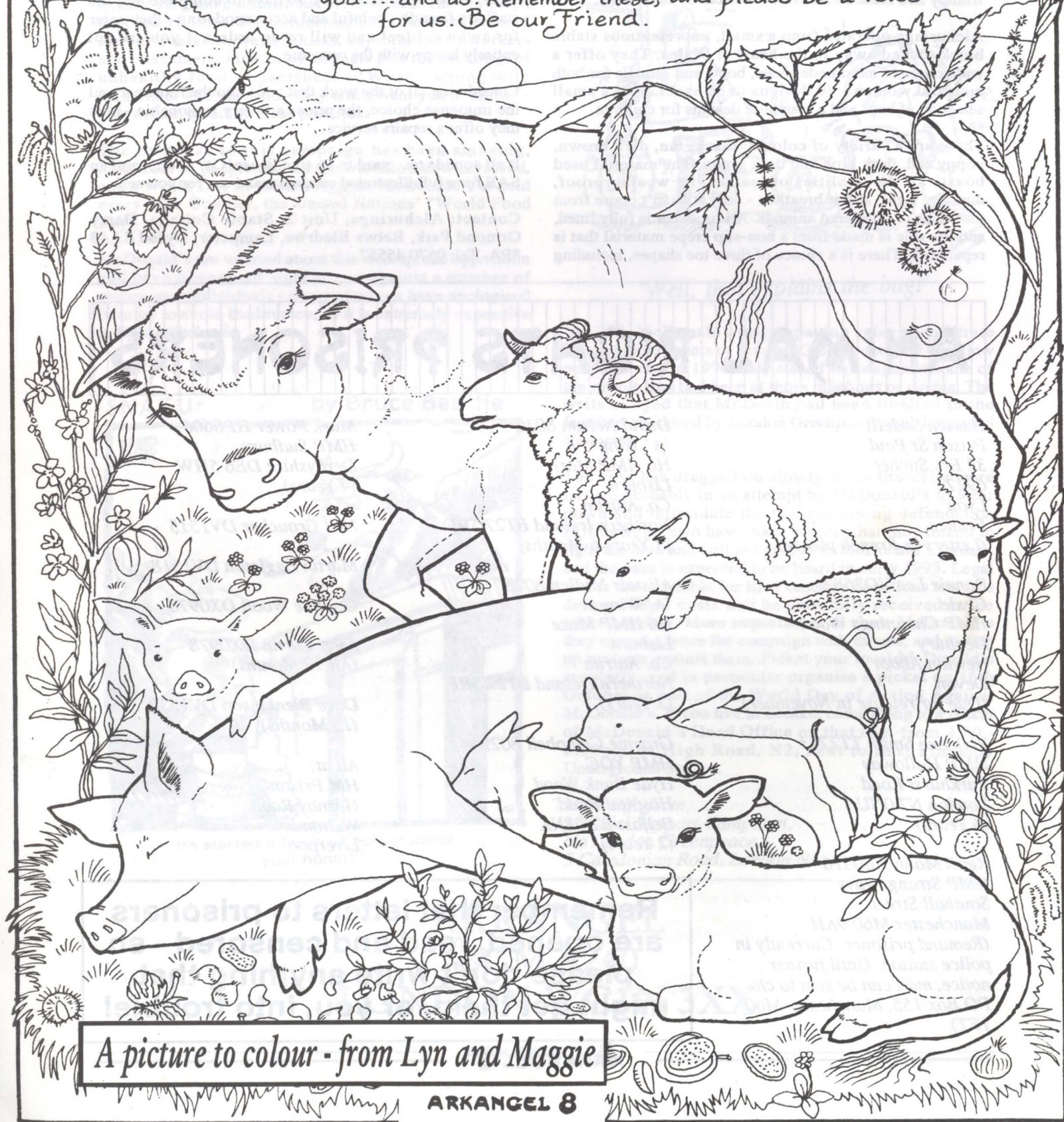
*Dave Blenkinsop DV1530
(15 Months)*

*All at:
HM Prison
Hornby Road
Walton
Liverpool*

**Remember that letters to prisoners
are opened, read and censored - so
please don't write anything that
might get them, or you, into trouble!**

We ask you to look at the wholesome food we, and all our friends in the other pictures are surrounded by. Isn't it sad that so many people choose to eat animals like us as well as these good things? We cannot imagine why. We've never done them any harm; they don't need to eat us to keep healthy, and doing so wastes an awful lot of land.

Fancy using tons of valuable plant foods to build up our bodies for meat, when the food could be grown to feed all those hungry human beings in the world instead. It doesn't make any sense. These nuts around us are bloodless and cruelty-free. They are good for you....and us. Remember these, and please be a voice for us. Be our Friend.



A picture to colour - from Lyn and Maggie

SANCTUARIES

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*Burstow Wildlife
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0395 516391 or 578222*

*Freshfield Animal Rescue
Centre
(See National Campaigns)*

*Hopefield Animal
Sanctuary
Sawyers Hall Farm
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*All of these sanctuaries are
desperately in need of your
help and support - and
would welcome any
donation, however small.*

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

A special police squad nicknamed "The Badger Set" has been formed in Oxfordshire to enforce the Badger Act which gives greater protection to the animals (Times 27/1/92).

Following pressure from conservationists, the fertilizer company Fisons, has handed over 8,000 acres of peatlands in various regions for use as nature reserves (Western Morning News 31/1/92).

The British government said that it would oppose the resumption of the trade in ivory and other elephant products (Times 19/2/92).

Government ministers promised to tighten controls on the import of wild birds and to press for improved conditions for farm animals throughout the EC (Times 28/2/92).

The Red Squirrel and the Dormouse are to be rescued from the edge of extinction under a £45 million, 3 year package of measures to improve the environment and countryside unveiled by the government. The Natterjack Toad and two species of moth also benefit (Telegraph 28/2/92).

More than £1,500 is to be spent on railings, a 4ft high fence and road warning signs to protect 2 swans which have begun nesting at Long Itchington, Warwicks (Sunday



Telegraph 8/3/92).

The Environment Secretary launched an £11 million scheme to create a nature reserve on 2,500 acres in Teeside (Telegraph 9/3/92).

The Queen issued a plea to the peoples of the Earth to save the natural environment from destruction in a message to mark Commonwealth Day (Times 9/3/92).

3 coastal mudflats, important to birds, and an inland marsh are to get extra protection. The Exe estuary in Devon, Old Hall marshes on Essex's Blackwater estuary and part of Lindisfarne, Northumberland have been classed as Special Protected Areas for Birds, and all three, together with Chippenham Fen in Norfolk have been designated as Wetlands of International Importance (Telegraph 12/3/92).

Hunt supporter Mark Fuller was fined £1,050 and ordered to pay £1,461 compensation and £150 costs when Hunstanton magistrates found him guilty of 3 charges of criminal damage and one of threatening behaviour towards hunt sabs (Telegraph 14/3/92).

The annual report of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund stressed the increasing role of non-animal research tools in a bid to reduce tests on animals (Telegraph 18/3/92).

Britons are consuming less fat, eggs and meat according to the National Food Survey. Since 1980, egg consumption is down by about 38% per person and meat consumption by about 17% (Times 25/3/92).

At a conference in Kyoto, Japan, the number of species receiving CITES protection was increased to cover 45 types of marine animals and tropical trees. 35 species were transferred from Appendix II (regulated trade) to Appendix I (trade totally prohibited), and the American Black Bear was put on Appendix II. Catch quotas for the West Atlantic Red Tuna were reduced and a resolution adopted allowing greater pressure to be put on non-CITES countries to stop the trade in rhinoceros horn (Le Monde 14/3/92).

18 European countries have launched government-backed projects to encourage people to change their lifestyles in order to protect the environment (Die Welt 1/4/92).

The EC and the nations surrounding the Baltic Sea have committed themselves to adopting stronger measures to protect the Baltic, which takes into account nature conservancy and species diversity (Die Welt 10/4/92).

The Co-op bank is to cease doing business with companies involved in foxhunting, stag hunting and the fur trade under a wide-ranging ethical policy to be launched in May (Telegraph 25/4/92)

The World Bank wants to make about £15,000 million available until the end of the century for environmental protection in the Third World (Die Welt 27/4/92).

Following a campaign by environmental groups, Fisons is to sell off its horticulture division, meaning peat will no longer be extracted from important wildlife areas (Telegraph 1/5/92).

According to a report published by the Broadcasting Standards Council, scenes on TV of cruelty to animals offended teenagers more than those which portray explicit sex and violence (Telegraph 19/5/92).

County wildlife trusts are to be offered grants from a £150,000 fund set up to improve management of special sites. 2,000 hectares of lagoons, mudflats and lowland heath at Minsmere - Walberswick in Suffolk is to be designated as an EC Special Protection Area for birds (Telegraph 20/5/92).

Wildlife is thriving on 2,000 acres of unspoiled meadows, woods and wetlands at Gatwick, West Sussex. The reserve has been created over 15 years at a cost of £10 million to promote Gatwick's claim to be Britain's "green" airport (Telegraph 1/6/92).

EuroMP's have voted overwhelmingly for an effective EC-wide ban on animal testing of cosmetics and want Community governments to endorse their decision and outlaw the sale of animal-tested cosmetics from January 1998 (Western Morning News 12/6/92).

At the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, prime minister John Major announced that Britain is to contribute an extra £100 million to help replenish the international fund set up to preserve the world's environment. He also committed Britain to measures designed to tackle global warming, pollution and extinction of species (Telegraph 13/6/92).

Salmon have returned to the River Trent almost a century after pollution and building of weirs drove them away (Sunday Telegraph 14/6/92).

The Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro ended with more than 100 world leaders endorsing a philosophy to save the planet and a programme to put it into practice. The worldwide pursuit of sustainable development or green growth was sanctioned as the only viable response to Third World poverty and global environment degradation (Times 15/6/92).

Compared with 2 years ago, 45% of consumers are eating less beef, 40% less pork and 37% less lamb (Times 20/6/92).

The government is to introduce measures to restrict fishing for cockles in the Solway Firth. The RSPB has been calling for such restrictions for some time because over-fishing has hit bird populations and other wildlife (Times 24/6/92).

Britain's swan population has risen by 25% in 5 years. RSPB officials believe the increase is because anglers have stopped using lead weights (Telegraph 26/6/92).

Cambridgeshire County Council is to supply £40,000 worth of poplar trees and bushes to farmers in the county in a planting scheme aimed at saving the Golden Oriole. The bird is under threat because of the felling of poplars in its breeding grounds in the Cambridgeshire fenlands (Times 29/6/92).



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